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Holisso Center dedicated at Chickasaw Cultural Center

Oklahoma City resident and Chickasaw citizen Stormy Bryant, left, donates an autographed copy of "Kiahlik Iksa Nana-Aiyimmika I- Katikisma," a rare, historical Choctaw publication to the Holisso Research Center. Accepting the gift is Michelle Cooke, manager of Libraries, Archives & Collections for the tribal Division of History and Culture. Mr. Bryant presented the piece May 28, the opening day of the Holisso Center. He said he was glad he could give back to his tribe.

SULPHUR, Okla. – There now exists a permanent repository for some of the most valuable elements of Chickasaw history and culture.

More than 1,200 Chickasaw citizens and guests participated in the opening weekend of the Holisso Center, May 28-29 at the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Center in Sulphur.

The Holisso Center is a 20,000-square-foot facility that houses Chickasaw genealogy collections, historic maps, photo archives and historic documents.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby said the Holisso Center was a vital resource for both scholars and tribal citizens.

"The Holisso Center is an integral part of our effort to expand the knowledge of our tribe and share our story with the world," Gov. Anoatubby said.

Climate- and light-controlled, the artifact storage protects fragile historic documents, including maps, family papers and more for future generations, said Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham, administrator of the tribal Division of History and

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Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby, tribal legislators, tribal elders and tribal Division on Aging employees cut the ribbon on the new Chickasaw Elder Independent Living Apartments in Ardmore.

New elder independent living apartments now open in Ardmore

ARDMORE, Okla. - Governor Bill Anoatubby was joined by legislators, tribal leaders and community members June 14 at the ribbon cutting for the new Chickasaw Elder Independent Living Apartments.

The new units will be located at 2420 Chickasaw Boulevard, Ardmore.

"We owe a great debt of gratitude to our elders for everything they have done to pave the way for the success we enjoy today," said Gov. Anoatubby. "These apartments are just one more way of saying thanks."

Located adjacent to the senior citizen site currently under construction, the eight apartment units are within easy walking distance of the tribe's nutrition center, wellness center and health clinic.

Jenny Roberts, a regular at the Ardmore senior citizens center, is glad that the apartments are an option for Chickasaw elders.

"Our tribe cares about us and respects us so much," she said. "I'm so excited to see these apartments completed."

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Chickasaw Times iPhone App now available!

With just one touch on your iPhone, iPod Touch or iPad, you can now access the new *Chickasaw Times* App!

The Chickasaw Times App provides fast and easy access to news and events of the Chickasaw Nation. Featuring turn-by-turn pages and an easy-to-navigate toolbar, stay in touch and informed about Chickasaw citizens, services and happenings with the *Chickasaw Times* App.

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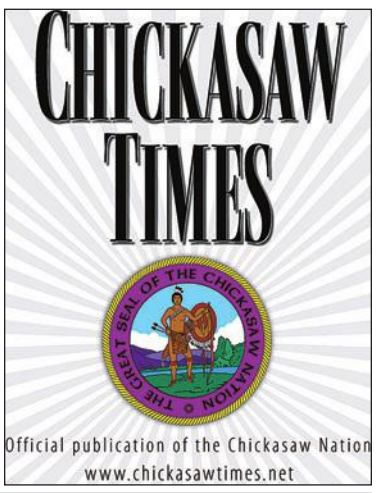

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Culture.

"The Holisso Center for the study of Chickasaw history and culture is an integral part of the Chickasaw Cultural Center campus," Dr. Cobb-Greetham said. "In many ways, it is the foundation to the campus. It contains and provides a home for all those things that have been passed down to us by our ancestors. The things we have in this building are our firmest connection we have to the past. What you come to do in the Holisso Center - to look at these objects, to do research - is like reaching out and touching the past."

Chickasaw citizen Charlotte Wolfe-LaFountain, of Tipton, Okla., visited the Holisso Center on opening day to begin research on her grandmother.

"We have been hoping to find out information about her," she said. "Now I have an idea of where to go and where to start. I am excited about it."

The Holisso Center also houses the Chickasaw Press. The Chickasaw Press has produced 12 books about Chickasaw people and culture, many written by Chickasaw authors.

"It is a place to produce knowledge as well as to preserve it," she said.

Dr. Cobb-Greetham described the vision and planning for the Holisso Center as an example of tribal good leadership. Inspired by Gov. Anoatubby, the Holisso Center provides a place for Chickasaw tribal artifacts and documents.

"(With the Holisso Center) the Chickasaw Nation can truly be the keeper of our own culture," Gov. Anoatubby said.

"The things we have in this building are our firmest connection we have to the past."

Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham

On the opening of the Holisso Research Center

The building includes state-of the art amenities including artifact storage, cold storage, a ceremonial room and a decontamination/conservation lab, a reading room, genealogy collections, seminar rooms and rare book collection area. A separate area is designated for CDs, video, photos and slides.

Glass display cases in the main library will showcase different items and artifacts each month.

Donations Accepted

Many of the items in the Holisso Center have been donated by Chickasaw citizens.

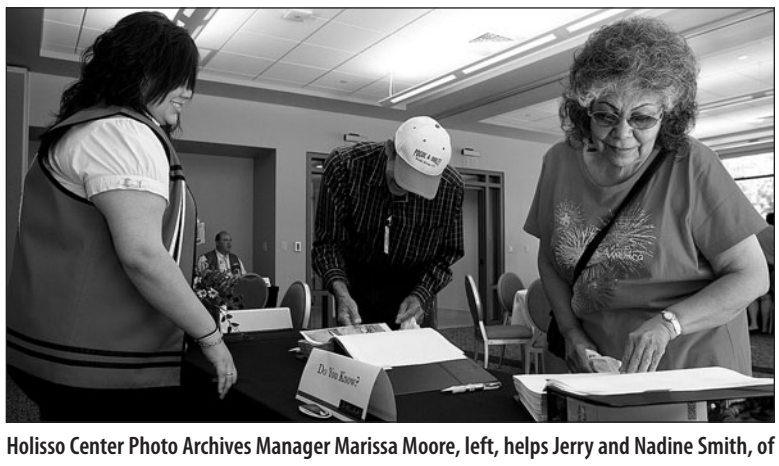
Donations are still accepted and once an item is added to the collection, the artifact will be safe and protected.

The Holisso Center's primarily focus is collecting items that are important to Chickasaw history and culture, but also related to other Southeastern Native American tribes and the State of Oklahoma.

The Holisso Center is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, and noon to 4 p.m., Sunday. For more information about the Holisso Center, or to make an appointment to donate an item, please call (580) 622-7130. The Chickasaw Cultural Center is located at 867 Charles Cooper Memorial Drive in Sulphur, Okla.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, tribal media relations.

Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham, administrator for the Chickasaw Nation Division of History and Culture, signs a copy of her book "Listening to Our Grandmother's Stories" during opening day of the Holisso Center, May 28. More than 1,200 visitors toured the new research facility, located on the Chickasaw Cultural Center campus, during opening weekend.



Holisso Center Photo Archives Manager Marissa Moore, left, helps Jerry and Nadine Smith, of Ada, search through historic photos on opening day of the Holisso Center.

INDEPENDENT LIVING APARTMENTS | CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Each one-bedroom, one-bath apartment is accessible and was designed to be warm and home-like and are complete with a refrigerator, stove and washer and dryer.

Features include a multi-purpose utility room, which can be used for crafts and other activities, ample storage space and non-skid wood grain flooring.

Applicants must meet eligibility requirements, including priority placement of Chickasaw and Native American elders.

For more information on the Independent Living Apartments or other services offered to seniors by the Chickasaw Nation, contact the tribal Division on Aging office at (580) 795-9790.

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We are proud to be Chickasaw, American - and free!

GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

Governor, the Chickasaw Nation

With the 1786 Treaty of Hopewell, the Chickasaw Nation and the United States formalized their peace with each other. This act of hopefulness and fellowship defined the relationship these two sovereign entities were to enjoy in perpetuity.

It has been suggested that the Lower Mississippi Valley, and even the entire country, would be speaking French today had it not been for the results produced by the Chickasaw Nation. In 1763, the Chickasaw Nation succeeded in effectively driving the French from the Lower Mississippi Valley. During this period, the French, English and Spanish were all vying for control of this important area.

All these countries wanted dominion over the entire North American continent. With the rise of the American Revolution, it was also obviously desired by the new and fragile country that would become the United States.

The Chickasaws sided with the British during the Revolutionary War, but there is good evidence many Chickasaws became uneasy with the British because of their ways of using tribal forces without proper battlefield support or care. With the war's end and the American victory, Piomingo saw the benefits of being allied with the Americans. It was a good relationship for a number of years.

We all know now of the devastating actions that would occur later, beginning with the Indian Removal Act of 1830. Despite the courage of Chickasaw warriors during the War of 1812, even fighting alongside Andrew Jackson at New Orleans, Jackson, who became president in 1828, swept the Chickasaws aside.

We know the history after Removal and the incredible lows that befell Chickasaws, and citizens of other tribes, over the next 130 years.

Despite our often contentious history with the United States, Chickasaws and Indian people across the country are some of America's proudest servants and defenders. Indian people have historically served in the U.S. military in much higher proportions than the U.S. population in general. Beginning in World War I, Indian soldiers have been among the most highly decorated and courageous warriors in the American military.

To non-Indians, it may seem a contradiction to be so dedicated to the U.S. and the Chickasaw Nation simultaneously. But to us, it is an embracing of all the good things both nations represent.

On this Independence Day, we will celebrate the 235th anniversary of our country's Declaration of Independence. And we will rejoice that we are citizens in an America that cherishes freedom, and in a Chickasaw Nation that holds up its culture, traditions and people as historic and sovereign.

When the United States was first emerging, its framers recognized quickly that the Indian tribes were sovereign nations based on their longstanding existence, government and organization. The tribes were recognized in the U.S. Constitution as sovereign nations, and that has never changed.

We are in the unique and enviable position of actually being "dual citizens." And to Chickasaws, there is no contradiction. There is only love of our country, and love of our tribe.

Ground broken June 27 on new Tishomingo Health Clinic

Gov. Bill Anoatubby was joined by tribal officials, employees, citizens and guests during the groundbreaking ceremony for a new tribal health clinic Monday, June 27 in Tishomingo, Okla. Front row from left (with shovel), tribal legislators Tim Colbert, Steven Woods, Gov. Anoatubby, Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel, Chickasaw Nation Division of Health Administrator Dr. Judy Goforth-Parker, tribal legislators Nancy Elliott, Linda Briggs, David Woerz, Connie Barker, Dean McManus, Mary Jo Green and Toby Perkins.

Artist rendering of the new Chickasaw Nation Tishomingo Health Clinic.

Chickasaw Nation officials broke ground for a new 53,000 square-foot health facility Monday, June 27 in Tishomingo, Okla.

Located at 815 E. 6th St., the new Chickasaw Nation Tishomingo Health Clinic will be more than four times larger than the existing clinic, which was first built 40 years ago.

"The Chickasaw Nation has diligently worked to improve the overall quality of life of Chickasaw people by providing top-notch health care in timely manner. Over the years we have made many improvements to our health care system," Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "Today, we take another step toward offering the finest health care facility to our citizens and to all Native Americans who seek our services."

The new clinic will allow for increased services, patient size and quality of care, Gov. Anoatubby said.

Features of the new clinic include 21 exam rooms, 12 dental chairs, drive through pharmacy services, ultrasound exams, mammograms, bone density scans and hearing exams. In addition, Oklahoma Optical will also provide its services at the new clinic, the design of which reflects the tribe's traditions and culture.

Construction of the new facility is expected to be complete in January 2013. Once complete, the staff at the new clinic is anticipated to triple in size.

"Our patients will see even more benefits because this project qualified for the Indian Health Service Joint Venture Funding program," said Gov. Anoatubby. "This program will enable us to increase the size of our staff much more quickly than would have been possible otherwise."

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Health serves more than 350,000 patients each year in the new state-of-the-art 370,000 square foot Medical Center in Ada, Okla. and health clinics in Ada, Ardmore, Tishomingo, Durant and Purcell. The CNDH also operates three nutrition centers, three wellness centers and a diabetes care center.

CONTRIBUTED BY Sharmina Manandhar, tribal media relations.

More about the Joint Venture funding program

The Joint Venture construction program was established to develop partnerships between tribes and the Indian Health Service.

Under the competitive program, tribes who acquire or construct a tribally-owned health care facility may be selected to participate.

In exchange for purchasing or constructing a health care facility with tribal funds, the Indian Health Service provides funding for certain staffing and operational costs.

Lt. Gov. Keel inducted into Military Hall of Honor

Gov. Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel with the citation from the Chickasaw Nation Legislature at the 16th Military Memorial Museum Hall of Honor induction ceremony June 13 in Ardmore, Okla.

Chickasaw Nation Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel was recently inducted into the 16th Military Memorial Museum Hall of Honor in Ardmore, Okla. The Military Memorial Museum Hall of Honor recognizes individuals whose achievements are exemplary, both military and civilian.

Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby said the tribe is proud of Lt. Gov. Keel's services.

"The Chickasaw Nation is known for its bravery and more especially for its intrepid warriors," Gov. Anoatubby said. "I believe if you stop there and take that language it's easy to apply to Captain Jefferson Keel."

Lt. Gov. Keel began his military service in 1963, when he enlisted in the Oklahoma Army National Guard during his senior year of high school at the age of 16.

His enlisted service included duty in the Infantry, Airborne and Rangers. His combat service included two extended tours of duty in Vietnam as an Infantryman with the 1st Cavalry Division and with the 101st Airborne Division. Staff Sgt. Keel received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army Nov. 14, 1974.

He returned to active duty at Ft. Sill, Okla. for additional training and was assigned to Ft. Carson, Colo., where he served as a Fire Support Coordinator, Battery Executive Officer and Battalion Ammunition Officer.

As a 1st Lieutenant, he was selected for command of a Headquarters and Headquarters Battery of Division Artillery and later assigned to Germany as the Nuclear Targeting Officer. He served as a Fire Support and Combined Arms instructor in the Aviation branch, Ft. Rucker, Ala.

Lt. Gov. Keel retired in 1989 with the rank of captain after serving 22 years, one month and 20 days with distinction.

"The military is not good for everybody, but it was good for me," Lt. Gov. Keel said. "But I never expected to be here.

"I loved every minute that I was in the military."

Lt. Gov. Keel's military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V" and oak leaf cluster; two awards of the Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal with Combat "V" and oak leaf cluster, and numerous other awards including the Combat Infantryman Badge, Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Ranger Tab and Canadian Parachutist Badge.

Lt. Gov. Keel has a bachelor's degree from East Central University in Ada, Okla. and a master's degree from Troy State University in Troy, Ala.

Lt. Gov. Keel was elected president of the National Congress of American Indians in 2009 and is the first tribal leader from Oklahoma elected to this post in the 65-year history of the organization. He is also a member of the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission, the Indian Law in Order Commission and numerous other federal boards and commissions.

Lt. Gov. Keel also received a citation from the Chickasaw Nation Legislature recognizing "the many years of successful and selfless public service to his tribe, state, country and mankind."

CONTRIBUTED BY Sharmina Manandhar, tribal media relations.

KCNP adds OnDemand access to website

KCNP, the Chickasaw Nation's community radio station, recently launched its OnDemand service on kcnpradio.org.

The decision to add the new feature was based on feedback KCNP staff received from Chickasaw listeners. Tribal members were not always available to listen to scheduled interviews or programs on air. With the new OnDemand service, citizens can access public affairs audio programs anytime on their computer.

OnDemand content is available on the KCNP website under the OnDemand tab and will be updated periodically.

For more information about KCNP, tune to 89.5 FM or visit kcnpradio.org

Web exclusive articles

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Leadership students experience government in action at state capitol

OKLAHOMA CITY - Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi (Creating Chickasaw Leaders) members got a behind-the-scenes look at state government during the group's annual trip to Oklahoma State Capitol in May.

Tribal program helping Chickasaw man achieve hoops coaching dream

The Chickasaw Nation School to Work program is helping a student pursue his love of basketball as well as share it with others.

Chepota Himmita helping families understand needs, hopes of their children

The Chickasaw Nation Chepota Himmita program recently conducted its second annual graduation ceremony in Ada, Okla.

Diabetes Camp leads to new, healthier directions for diabetics

Linda Lee Fleming, 64, and her husband Holland Darrell Fleming, 67, had wanted to start "some kind of exercise routine" for more than two years that they have been retired.

Chickasaw fundraising team driving great results for cancer research

A group of Chickasaw Nation citizens, employees and family members have come together to take a stand against cancer.

This month on CNTV

The Chickasaw Nation broke ground on a new 9,000 square foot Ardmore area Chickasaw Nation Senior Citizens Center. Find out what's planned for the future facility on CNTV.

Camp season is here! Watch CNTV and see highlights of some of the many camps happening in the Chickasaw Nation this summer.

We'll celebrate the one-year anniversary of the grand opening of the Chickasaw Cultural Center. Click on CNTV and join us as we mark this special occasion. ….and much more! New episodes are available on the first and fifteenth of each month.

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Beauty of our native tongue creates historic connection

DEAN MCMANUS

Secretary, Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

For those of us fortunate enough to be familiar with a fluent speaker of Chickasaw, our Chickasaw past can really come alive!

It is so wonderful to talk with a fluent speaker and soak up the richness of our native language. It is easy to imagine living in a Chickasaw village generations ago and communicating in the "old way." It can make you feel so much at home.

You may know someone who grew up in a home where Chickasaw was the primary tongue - maybe the only tongue. These elders are such gifts to us. By being with them, you will pick up portions of the language and how it is used. You will also hear the stories of how things were before we entered our modern world.

The Chickasaw language is one way we stay in touch with our cherished history. As your legislator, I have supported and will continue to support our language outreach programs, as well as our many other cultural programs.

It is so important we keep alive those elements so important to us - our language, history, heritage, culture, traditions and relationships. By remembering and studying who we are - and were - we begin to truly appreciate the wonderful history and progression of the Chickasaw Nation.

By understanding and appreciating what has come before, we gain a much better grasp of who we are, where we have come from and where we might go from here.

I feel I am very blessed to have been presented this opportunity to serve the Chickasaw people - the people I love. As your representative, I have the good fortune of being able to actually make things happen that help Chickasaws and their families.

Whether it is health care, transportation, housing, general assistance, education or cultural assets, it always makes me very happy when I have created or supported legislation that serves Chickasaw people well.

Hundreds of years ago, we communicated in our native language, but our connections were just the same as they are today. We have always counted on each other, and that will continue to be so. Chickasaws make up a strong, vibrant and progressive tribe - and that will not change!

Thank you. I look forward to talking with you soon.

Dean McManus

Count of Voters by District

Panola	1,797	Pontotoc	11,787
Pickens	7,459	Tishomingo	5,264
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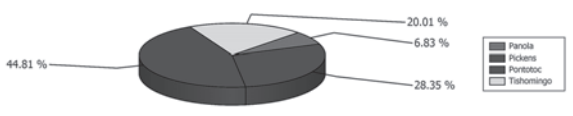

Food Distribution program a great benefit to citizens

BETH ALEXANDER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

The Food Distribution Program comes to the Achille Senior/Community Center on the third Thursday of each month. What an action packed place to be on that day. Monthly, Sandy Harjo, Food Distribution Certification Specialist and Outreach Coordinator, Davalyn Billings, spend time at our site not just approving clients for services or dispersing food but offering, an ear to listen, and encouragement. Their professionalism is outstanding and their personal care is just that- personal. On this particular day, The Nutrition Services Farmer's Market Program from Ada visited the Achille Center as well. The ladies were there to assist Native Americans over the age of 55 with receiving Vouchers for fresh produce. Call them to learn more about the program, (580) 436-7255.

I know it was a sign of advancement in the Nation when we developed Food Distribution Centers….places where customers could shop for their commodities at their convenience but the old fashion way, having the truck full of goodies arrive monthly at our center is kind of nice. While waiting, people visit and some see old acquaintances. New friendships emerge and business contacts happen. Meanwhile outside at "The Truck" customers are receiving their monthly goods by Tribal workers who literally give their job blood, sweat and maybe a few tears! It can really get hot inside that food truck. The guys who fill each order are always friendly and willing to assist when need be. Some locations in the Chickasaw Nation have progressed beyond the Commodity truck but we still have it and faithfully use it; Making it a great way for us here in the Panola District to still have personal contact with our friends and neighbors. Food Distribution Services for our district couldn't happen without the dedicated staff that visits us each month. THANK YOU CHICKASAW NATION WORKERS.

For Pinkshoes, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"

Remember to Vote! Ballots are out and will be counted July 25th

Food Distribution Certification Specialist, Sandy Harjo, Outreach Coordinator, Davalyn Billings, and Sharon Wheeler, Dietitian assisting Mr. Truman Marris with Food Services Information.

Food Distribution workers, Dwight Anderson and Chris McDonald assist Phyllis Macotela.

Farmer's Market Representatives, Leah Delovier and Janie Newby.

Be aware of your health; we have the services to help!

CONNIE BARKER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Greetings from Connie Barker, Legislator, Pickens District Seat 2.

We have certainly gotten off to an extreme summer comprised of windy conditions, inclement weather and harsh storms.

We know the devastation first hand that comes with developing weather fronts, wall clouds and tornados, along with the potential for damage that are contained within the super-cells of recent weeks and months. Our safety and security during these events are dependent upon self-awareness and on others that serve to manage an early warning system to alert us, where available.

It is no different in the management of our own personal health and wellness programs. Self-awareness to health issues, accessing prevention programs when needed and obtaining health care are essential to our well-being. As we strive to be self- aware and improve the health of our families and ourselves, it is refreshing to know that the Greater Chickasaw Nation Health Care System is standing ready to serve those needs at many different levels.

We are approaching the one-year anniversary of the ribbon- cutting event of the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. A state-of-the-art facility developed through a joint venture with the Indian Health Service and our Tribe to create a unique, well-equipped health care facility offering many different services.

We are keen on self-governance, and living through a democratic theme, which is natural to a Native American. But with this freedom of choice we must realize that the services offered to us are not designed as an early warning system. We must access services that are needed sooner rather than later so our outcomes are improved.

It is with this in mind, that the Medical Center and our clinics and other programs of care, stand ready to serve us. However, it is imperative we share responsibility with our provider for a desired positive outcome related to our health care needs. We must access care when we have an issue or desire assistance in preventive medicine programs, and certainly when higher levels of care are required.

The ambulatory clinics serving our nation remain busy in meeting the needs of our citizens. The Medical Center has provided 19,244 x-ray procedures in the past 11 months. The Medical Center has also provided 3,764 ultrasound studies (US), 1,304 Magnetic Resonance Imaging procedures (MRI), 3,568 Computerized Tomography Studies (CT), and 1,107 Mammograms for the same period.

You can see from the numbers presented above, for just some of the services provided, that our health care providers, administrators, and staff are dedicated to our health and will attempt to meet our needs through the variety of services available.

Please, take advantage of the programs and services that have been made available to us through the wise use of resources that have been entrusted to us. Together, through positive management of our health care, we will continue to shape our destiny and remain the unconquered and unconquerable Chickasaw Nation.

Homelands visit provides inspiring Removal story

Hello Everyone,

I just returned from a trip to the homeland with a renewed sense of wonder and respect for our Chickasaw ancestors and all Native Americans who made the journey to Oklahoma upon removal.

Charles Tate was on the trip. Charles had heard about a Yuchi medicine man named Tom Hendrix, who lives down a black-topped, country road near Florence, Alabama. There in northwest Alabama, Tom has built a stone wall dedicated to his great-great-grandmother's incredible journey that illustrates and celebrates the strength of Native American women.

KATIE CASE

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

When our bus stopped at the side of the road, Charles got off and walked down to Tom, who was working near the wall. From the bus, we all knew when Charles introduced himself and told him who we were because Tom started waiving at us and motioning for us to get out and come down to the wall just like a friend or good neighbor does when he recognizes you.

We had the best time. We shared stories and laughed.

Tom's story of his great-great-grandmother's journey to Oklahoma, with her sister, upon removal from their homeland, and her daring return home is awe inspiring.

The short version of the story is that Te-lah-nay, Tom's great-great-grandmother was captured by U.S. Military and walked to Oklahoma where she faced a reoccurring dream of her deceased grandmother, sitting on a hill above the Tennessee River, beckoning her home.

Te-lay-nay responded to the dream. Her experiences, people encounters, and trials and tribulations on her journey home are the stuff of legends, and Tom has honored and symbolized each step of her journey with rocks that form a beautifully imperfect wall.

Tom has written a book titled, "IF THE LEGENDS FADE" that tells Te-lay-nay's wonderful story.

I strongly recommend the book and if you ever find yourself in northwest Alabama, I strongly recommend looking up Tom, seeing the wall and hearing his story firsthand.

I hope you and yours are well. If I can help with anything, just let me know.

Respectfully,

Katie

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Lots of great visits with Chickasaws across the country

Hello Everyone,

I have loved getting to visit with many of you at Council meetings. Several of us had the privilege of traveling to California to visit with the California West group of Chickasaws. Many thanks to Sharon Tandy and others for hosting a wonderful picnic at beautiful Santee Lakes. The weather was fantastic while we were there. We hope to return again sometime when we have a little more time.

I would also like to thank Howard Thompson and all the members of the Tyler and Texarkana, Texas Community Councils for making us feel so welcome at their meetings. It is always such a pleasure to get to know Chickasaws living outside the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation. Everyone is always so appreciative of the programs and love getting any news of what's happening back here.

NANCY ELLIOTT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

It was also my great pleasure to attend the Oklahoma City Council's Annual Picnic. Thank you to Billy Hester and the OKC Elders for the delicious Indian Tacos. This year, the picnic had an added bonus, as it was held at the new Devon Boathouse on the beautiful Oklahoma River.

We were introduced to one of the newest programs for our Chickasaw youth, the sport of kayaking and team rowing. Those in attendance at the picnic were given the opportunity to try out the kayaks or ride in the Dragon Boats.

Actually, we didn't just get to ride, we had to row! Our instructor showed us some of the drills the teams will be doing to teach them the skill of team rowing. It was great fun, but also a great work-out.

This is a fantastic opportunity for our young people. Not only is the program free for all Chickasaw youth living in the Oklahoma City area, it will teach them a sport that will help them get in great physical shape while teaching them a lifelong skill. We hope to have our own Olympic team someday.

If you are interested in finding out more information about the new Chickasaw Nation Riversport Youth Canoe/Kayak League, you can call Aasim Saleh, the program director, at (405) 552-4040, or visit http://riversportokc.org/p/chickasaw-canoe-kayak, which describes all of necessary details and registration information. If your children have not signed up for a camp this summer, there may still be time. Check out the website, www.chickasaw.net, and look for youth camps.

I hope you all are having a great summer. Please let me know if I can help you in any way.

Sincerely,

Nancy

Nancy.elliott@chickasaw.net (580) 399-4374

Homelands wall dedicated to Removal, return journeys

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District. Well, It seems I had forgotten what triple digit temperatures feel like. I have to relearn how to cope with summer temperatures each year, I suppose. It is hot here in Oklahoma!

Last month I told you about most of the trip to the homelands and promised to tell you about Tom's Wall this month. The story is that a Yuchi girl and her sister were discovered by Army personnel, forcibly removed from their home on the Singing (Tennessee) River and were driven with the Creeks to Indian Territory. They were registered with the Creeks because so few of their tribe had survived.

MARY JO GREEN

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

This young woman was determined to return to her homeland because she could not find any singing waters in the Indian Territory and her grandmother came to her in dreams telling her to return to the Singing River.

She walked eastward for over five years and finally arrived back where she considered home by the singing waters. Her sister stayed in Indian Territory and married a Chickasaw.

Her great-grandson, Tom Hendrix, heard her story as he grew up. In the 1980s he had the Yuchi Journals of the Trail of Tears translated into English. He was very moved by her story and vowed to build a wall as a memorial to her. Today, there are actually two walls - one to commemorate the removal and one to commemorate her return. She walked both to Indian Territory and home again.

Tom's Wall is the largest wall without mortar in the U.S., and the largest memorial to a Native American woman. Tom built the wall one stone at a time, each stone representing one step on her journey. The shape, height and width of the wall varies to represent the many obstacles she encountered; however, it is wide enough to drive a car on. Stones in the wall came from 120 countries. Tom's Wall is located near Florence, Alabama, close to the Natchez Trace and Highway 20. It is well worth a visit from anyone, especially us Chickasaw who have such strong ties to the area there.

I would love to hear from you. Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site.

Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you.

Mary Jo

Court Advocates now available in Ardmore, Ada and Purcell

Court Advocate Services are now available in Ardmore, Ada, and Purcell to assist Native Americans with legal problems.

To make an appointment call 1-800-479-1459.

This is a service provided by the tribal court system.

Elders, others eligible for assistance with utility bills

The hot days of summer are upon us and I hope each and every one of you has a cool place to stay during the heat of the day. Please do not go without air conditioning if you need assistance paying your utility bill. We have programs in place to assist our elders, as well as those under the age of 60. Contact your area office for more information on how to apply for this assistance.

Additionally, we have many helpful programs in place for our elders from lawn maintenance to chore services. Please take advantage of these programs. The Chickasaw Nation is blessed to have the resources to be able to provide many services for our citizens. If you are not familiar with the programs available, you can contact any area office for assistance.

SHANA HAMMOND

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

We have recently celebrated several milestones in the Chickasaw Nation with regards to services for our citizens. We broke ground in Ardmore for a new senior site, held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new independent living complex in Ardmore and broke ground in Tishomingo for a new health clinic. We are well on our way to providing state-of-the art facilities in the areas we serve.

I look forward to the progress the Chickasaw Nation continues to make to serve our citizens. I am truly proud to be Chickasaw.

"Blessed are all who fear the LORD, who walk in his ways. You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours." ~Psalm 128:1-2

Super OKC-area rowing league open to our youth

Hello everyone,

I hope this letter finds you and your family doing well. Since we last visited, the Chickasaw Nation has broken ground on senior sites in Ardmore and Connerville, and a Clinic in Tishomingo. Also, the Holisso Center in Sulphur and the Senior Living Center in Ardmore both opened recently. There are many projects progressing this summer and the goal of each one is to enhance the lives of our Chickasaw citizens, elders and their families.

Speaking of family, we have a new addition to ours, a daughter-in-law. Jessica Vines married my son, Cash, on June 25. We are very happy to welcome her to our family.

TOBY PERKINS

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

I would like to thank Billy Hester and all the Oklahoma City Community Council members who helped make their picnic such a great event. The food and fellowship were outstanding, and the location was amazing. The Devon Boathouse on the Oklahoma river was a wonderful venue and Alesha and I enjoyed getting out on the water and paddling around in the dragon boat.

I want to encourage every Chickasaw youth ages 7 to 18 in the Oklahoma City area to contact Chickasaw Nation Riversport program director Aasim Saleh for information about the youth canoe/kayak league activities. Aasim Saleh – 405-552.4040, email asaleh@riversportokc.org , To enroll, please visit http://riversportokc.org/p/chickasaw-canoe-kayak

There is an election this month. Please carefully consider each candidate, mark your ballot, sign and mail it in. Your vote counts!

I would love to hear from you. Please contact me with your concerns, needs or questions. I am here to help.

May God bless you and your family,
Toby Perkins, Legislator
Pontotoc District, Seat 1
580-399-2606
toby.perkins@chickasaw.net

Tribal landscaping products distribution program July 12

A Chickasaw Nation landscaping products distribution program seminar is set for 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 12 at the old Chickasaw Nation Gym, 520 East Arlington, Ada.

Other seminars will be conducted at 5:30 p.m. at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center, 700 N. Mississippi, Ada, Tuesday, August 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8 and Dec. 6, 2011.

Chickasaw homeowners and those in the process of purchasing a home within tribal boundaries are eligible to receive trees, shrubs and sod for their home.

Attending the seminar is a requirement to participate in the landscaping products distribution program. Topics covered include types of plant species, and care and maintenance for a variety of vegetation.

Participants must provide the following documentation; copy of Chickasaw citizenship card, utility bill and proof of homeownership (warranty deed, insurance binder or letter from the lender). Applicants must reside in the service area.

For more information, contact Patty Daniels or Tamiko Poe at the Ada Chickasaw Nation Horticulture Department at (580) 559-0888.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, tribal media relations.

Career Development now accepting applications

The Career Development Initiative Program (CDI) is now accepting applications.

CDI is a six-month transitional program for qualified Chickasaw citizens in the Ada area. The program helps to accomplish the goals of gaining full-time employment for citizens, who have a barrier to employment.

For additional information or to apply, please contact the CDI Office at (580) 272-5085.

CONTRIBUTED BY Sharmina Manandhar, tribal media relations.

Save the Date!
Chickasaw Princess Pageant
September 26, 2011

Ada Cougar Activity Center
Ada High School • Ada, Oklahoma
Begins at 6 p.m.

Chickasaw Princesses serve as ambassadors for the Chickasaw Nation at a variety of events and activities throughout the year.

Chickasaw Princess: Ages 17 - 25
Chickasaw Jr. Princess: Ages 12 - 16
Little Miss Chickasaw: Ages 7 - 11

Required application is available at 231 Seabrook Road, Ada, OK 74820 or at www.chickasaw.net.

Application deadline is Friday, August 26, 2011

For more information call (580) 272-7710

2011 'Programs and Services' and 'Services @ Large' Directories

The directories contain information about all Chickasaw Nation programs and services. Inside the directories you will find program descriptions, important phone numbers and contact information, office locations and hours of operation, as well as program requirements. Don't miss out on the opportunities available to you and your family. Reserve your copy by visiting http://www.chickasaw.net/servicedirectory.

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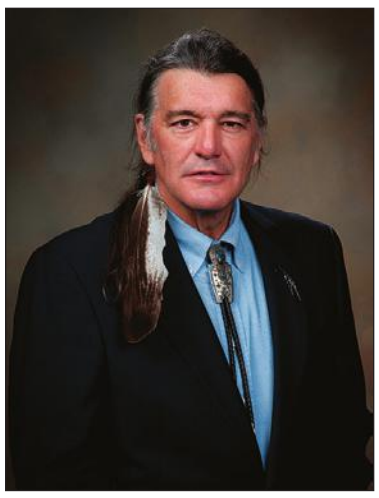
Trio to be inducted Aug. 18 at Riverwind

Green, Perry, Tishomingo into Chickasaw Hall of Fame



Jess Green

Robert Johnson Perry

Chief Tishu Miko, commonly known as Tishomingo

A protector of Native American sovereignty, an accomplished writer and a great warrior chief will be inducted into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame at 6:30 p.m., August 18, at Riverwind Casino in Goldsby, Okla.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby will participate in the induction ceremonies.

"It is our privilege to honor these individuals for the significant contributions they have made to the Chickasaw Nation and to the larger community," said Gov. Anoatubby. "Their commitment to protecting, educating and serving others epitomizes the spirit of the Chickasaw people."

Early Chickasaw leaders were brave warriors and negotiators and **Jess Green** has carried on this tradition, fighting for Chickasaws and Native Americans through legal battles and negotiations.

An attorney since 1977, Mr. Green has used his expertise to pave the way for several landmark decisions vital to Native American sovereignty. His work has included establishing the first tribal juvenile court in the state and working on federal cases that paved the way for Native American gaming in Oklahoma.

Mr. Green also works through his private-practice law firm in Ada, Okla., to better the lives of Chickasaw children and families.

His legal experience includes eight years as a state court judge, tribal court prosecutor, tribal court trial judge and Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court Chief Justice.

Mr. Green is a past member of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, where he served as chairman.

He has served in many professional positions including vice chair for the American Bar Association Judiciary Committee, chairman of the Oklahoma Bar Association Indian Law Section, chairman of the Chickasaw Bar Association and two terms as chairman for the Oklahoma Bar Association - Solo Small Firm and General Practice.

Mr. Green has received numerous awards and citations for his service including a 2010 Service Award from Global Gaming Expo, Chairman Leadership Award from National Indian Gaming Association, and the Warrior Award and the Outstanding Service Award from Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association.

Born Sept. 21, 1952 in Ada, Okla., to J.L. and Mary Jo Green, Mr. Green has two children, Destiny and Judd Green, and a sister, Melissa Wilkerson. A 1970 graduate of McLish (OK) High School, he graduated with honors from East Central University in Ada with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1974 and received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Oklahoma School of Law in 1977.

Robert Johnson Perry has spent many years volunteering his time, skills and services to the Chickasaw Nation.

The son of the late Johnson and Sophia Frye Reeder Perry, Mr. Perry was elected to the Chickasaw Advisory Council during the 1965 Annual Meeting.

A chemical engineer, Mr. Perry was soon transferred to the Houston area, but continued to travel to Oklahoma to attend monthly Council meetings until 1978. He also served as secretary and chairman of the advisory council. Mr. Perry has also represented the Chickasaws on the Five Civilized Tribes Inter-Tribal Council.

Governor Anoatubby appointed him to the Chickasaw Industrial Development Board in 1993, where he served as chairman for five years.

He served on the Chickasaw Historical Society board for eight years and is currently an Emeritus CHS member. Mr. Perry has served on the Chickasaw Council of Elders since 2004.

An accomplished author, Mr. Perry has published three books, one winning two National Finalist Awards in biography and art. His book "The Turkey Feather Cape" and the feather cape he created are on display at the Chickasaw Cultural Center, Sulphur, Okla.

He has won awards at the Chickasaw Southeastern Art Show and Market art contest and he currently serves on the Wordcraft Circle of Native Writers and Storytellers National Board of Directors.

After his retirement, Mr. Perry and his wife moved to Ada to learn more about Chickasaw and Indian history and culture of all Oklahoma tribes.

Chief Tishu Miko, commonly known as Tishomingo, was the last great warrior chief of the Chickasaw Tribe. Born about 1735 in Mississippi, he was war chief to Ishtehotopa, the last King of the Chickasaws. Tishu Miko was also a wise counselor. When he advised King Ishtehotopa on any issue, his influence was so great the other counselors agreed. He was respected among his people as a brave and good man. He had seen many wars and fought bravely in battles.

Tishu Miko made several trips to Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. in the interest of his people. He was not only one of the principal signers of the Treaties of 1816 and 1818 but also the Treaty of Pontotoc in 1832.

Article XII of the Treaty of Pontotoc contained a tribute to Tishu Miko. It also determined to give him out of the national funds $100 a year during the balance of his life on account of his long and valuable service.

A full-blooded Chickasaw, the old chief made the removal in 1838 with a party of Chickasaws migrating westward. He died from small pox at the age of 104 near Ft. Coffee about 1841

The Chickasaws held a meeting in August, 1856 at a place on Pennington Creek called Good Spring, where the tribal seat of government had been re-located one year earlier. A 50 foot square brush arbor with log seats, benches as a platform was erected for this important first meeting of the independent government. This place was named Tishomingo in honor of the Chickasaw Chief, Tishu Miko.

A district in the old Chickasaw Nation, a county in Chickasaw Nation Indian Territory and a county and stream in present-day Mississippi are all named in honor of Tishomingo.

Tishomingo's image was also used as the warrior on the Great Seal of the Chickasaw Nation.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, tribal media relations.

Hall of Fame Reservations

Hall of Fame inductees will make a red carpet entrance at 6 p.m. and the banquet will begin at 6:30 p.m.

There is no charge to attend, but reservations are required for the event, which is expected to accommodate approximately 525 guests.

Reservations will be accepted beginning July 1. To make reservations contact Krissy Easterling at 580-332-1165 or email krissy.easterling@chickasaw.net.

For more information about the Chickasaw Hall of Fame visit www.chickasaw.net/hof.

About the Chickasaw Hall of Fame and Honor Garden

In 1987 the Chickasaw Nation began honoring Chickasaws who made significant contributions to Chickasaw people or the Native American community by induction into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame. Since then, many Chickasaw men and women have been nominated and inducted into this prestigious circle of honor. Induction to the Chickasaw Hall of Fame is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a Chickasaw by the Chickasaw Nation.

Plaques of Hall of Fame inductees adorn the Chickasaw Nation Honor Garden.

Located adjacent to the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Okla., the Chickasaw Nation Honor Garden is crafted from natural elements including rock, granite and copper. The architecture is an original design inspired by the four directions and incorporating spiral symbols indicative of traditional Chickasaw culture.

At the center of the garden is a granite fountain adorned with copper feathers and natural stone. Built as an official Oklahoma Centennial Project, the fountain sits in a pool of flowing water which is directed down a path through the garden and then seemingly disappears into the landscape.

2011 nominations due Aug. 26

CHICKASAW NATION SILVER FEATHER AWARD

The Chickasaw Nation's Silver Feather Award was created in 1999 to honor those Chickasaws among us who have committed their lives to the preservation and revitalization of Chickasaw language, culture, and life ways.

These rare individuals have taken steps to pass along their unique knowledge to a younger generation of Chickasaws. Likewise, they have committed to activities in their daily lives that promote a better understanding between the Chickasaw people and the public at large.

The Silver Feather Award is appropriate in that the feather is one of the most honored gifts an Indian person can receive. Silver, because of its endurance and captivating shine, also caught the eye of Chickasaw ancestors over 500 years ago and became a much sought after trade item.

Each recipient is a Chickasaw treasure who is held in the highest regard by the Chickasaw Nation.

Recipients include the following individuals:

1999 Adam Walker
2000 Pauline Walker
2001 Charlie Carter
2002 Juanita Byars
2003 Sim Greenwood
2004 Geneva Holman
2005 Leerene Frazier
2006 Rose Jefferson
2007 Stanley Smith
2008 Marie Beck
2009 Jerry Underwood
2010 Catherine Pickens Willmond

Eligibility:

The Chickasaw Nation accepts nominations of living individuals who meet the eligibility requirements outlined below to be considered for the Silver Feather Award. Nominees must be a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation. Employees of the Chickasaw Nation are ineligible. Elected officials of the Chickasaw Nation are ineligible for induction into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame while holding office.

Deadline for 2011 Nominations:

Nominations must be received by August 26 for consideration in 2011.

Nominations must be sent to: Alanah Reed, Chickasaw Cultural Center, 867 Charles Cooper Memorial Road, Sulphur, OK 73086; alanah.reed@chickasaw.net; 580-622-7117.

Nominations must include the following information:

Name of Person Being Nominated (Include Maiden Name, if Applicable)

Contact Information for Nominee

Mailing address
Telephone number(s)
Email (if applicable)

Name and contact Information of Person submitting Nomination

Name
Mailing Address
Telephone Number(s)
Email (if applicable)

Nominating Statement:

Please provide a concise statement explaining why the nominee is deserving of the Silver Feather Award for the preservation and revitalization of Chickasaw language, culture, and lifeways. The statement should include basic biographical information and detail relevant experiences, accomplishments, etc.

2011 Heritage Preservation Research Awards Nominations

Nominations are currently being accepted for the 2011 Chickasaw Nation Heritage Preservation Research Awards for authors documenting Chickasaw history and culture.

Authors of previously unpublished doctoral dissertations, master's theses, articles, and book manuscripts dealing with some aspect of Chickasaw heritage are eligible for the awards.

The following awards are being offered:

Award: Best Unpublished Article

Prize: Publication in the Chickasaw Historical Society Journal and

Lecture at the Chickasaw Cultural Center and $1,000 Research Stipend

Award: Best M.A. Thesis

Prize: Visiting Scholar Fellowship and Lecture at the Chickasaw Cultural Center and $2,000 Research Stipend

Award: Best Ph.D. Dissertation

Prize: Visiting Scholar Fellowship and Lecture at the Chickasaw Cultural Center and $2,000 Research Stipend

Award: Best Unpublished Manuscript

Prize: The Holisso Award

Publication by the Chickasaw Press and Lecture at the Chickasaw Cultural Center and $2,000 Research Stipend

"This awards program is designed to encourage and inspire authors to expand the scope of knowledge of our tribe¹s history, heritage and culture," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby.

The awards will be presented to winners during the Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival Arts and Culture Awards Ceremony.

Eligibility:

To be eligible for consideration, works in each category must deal specifically with some aspect of Chickasaw history and culture. Moreover, the works must be documented, either through the use of footnotes, endnotes or a listing of sources.

Nominations must include two copies of the book manuscript, dissertation, thesis, or unpublished article being nominated.

Entries should be submitted to Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham, Administrator of Division of History and Culture, Chickasaw Cultural Center, 867 Charles Cooper Memorial Road, Sulphur, OK 73086.

Deadline for receipt of nominations is August 26.

For information, call (580) 622-7117.

Kid-friendly events July and August at Cultural Center

The Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Okla. has several fun-filled, family-oriented and informational activities scheduled this summer. Nestled on 109 acres of rolling hills, the Center utilizes the latest technology, live demonstrations, ancient artifacts and natural outdoor spaces to tell the Chickasaw story. Features of the sprawling campus include a traditional village, amphitheatre, state-of-the-art exhibit buildings, indoor theater, café and an honor garden.

Beginning this summer is the CCC Kids' Movie Club featuring your favorite children's movies. Everyone is encouraged to visit this world-class facility that has something for everyone.

July 1-3

CCC Kids' Movie Club: "Finding Nemo"

July 2

Children's Festival

·Stickball, archery, nunni catch, storytelling, planting station, mini family tree, face painting, paper sack turban and bean bag loksi toss.

July 8-10

CCC Kids' Movie Club: "RV"

July 9

· Chickasaw Press book signing, Holisso Center

· Meet a Chickasaw artist, Aachompa Gallery Gift Shop

July 15-17

CCC Kids' Movie Club: "Toy Story"

July 16

· Chickasaw Press book signing, Holisso Center

· Meet a Chickasaw artist, Aachompa Gallery Gift Shop

July 22-24

CCC Kids' Movie Club: "The Goonies"

July 23

· Scrapbooking workshop, Holisso Research Center

July 23-24

One-year Anniversary Celebration

July 29-30

CCC Kids' Movie Club: "Finding Nemo"

July 30

· Genealogy workshop, Holisso Research Center

· Storytelling, Amphitheater

· Stomp Dance presentation, Traditional Village

Aug. 5-7

CCC Kids' Movie Club: "RV"

Aug. 6

Chickasaw flute presentation, Traditional Village

Chickasaw Press book signing, Holisso Research Center

Meet a Chickasaw artist, Aachompa Gallery Gift Shop

Aug. 12-14

CCC Kids' Movie Club: "Toy Story"

Aug. 19-21

CCC Kids' Movie Club: "The Goonies"

Aug. 20

· Scrapbooking workshop, Holisso Research Center

Aug. 26-28

CCC Kids' Movie Club: "Finding Nemo"

Aug. 27

· Genealogy workshop, Holisso Research Center

The Cultural Center is located at 867 Charles Cooper Memorial Road. For more information, please call (580) 622-7130 or visit www.chickasawculturalcenter.com.

CONTRIBUTED BY Sharmina Manandhar, tribal media relations.

An intense game of stickball at this year's annual Chikasha Reunion at Kullihoma. Dozens of Chickasaw citizens came from around the country to celebrate their heritage and participated in cultural activities. Marcy Gray

Lots of fun activities at Chickasaw Cultural Center July 23-24

The Chickasaw Nation invites everyone to come and celebrate a year of sharing Chickasaw history, culture and heritage during the Chickasaw Cultural Center's one-year anniversary Saturday and Sunday, July 23-24 in Sulphur, Okla.

Nestled on 109 acres of rolling hills, woodlands and streams adjacent to the Chickasaw National Recreation Area and the Lake of the Arbuckles near Sulphur, Okla., the Center is more than just a museum. With the latest technology, live demonstrations, ancient artifacts and natural outdoor spaces, the center tells the story of the unconquered and unconquerable Chickasaw Nation - from the ancient past to the present day.

More than 46,000 people from around the U.S. and across the world have visited the Chickasaw Cultural Center since its opening in July 2010.

"Chickasaw people of all ages and walks of life worked together for years to realize the dream of a distinctive place which reflects the spirit and imagination of the Chickasaw people," said Bill Anoatubby, Governor of the Chickasaw Nation. "We are thrilled that so many people from around the world have already responded by coming to the cultural center to learn about our culture and way of life."

Features of the state-of-the-art facility also include an indoor theater, traditional village, café, honor garden, amphitheatre and many more.

"The CCC has truly had an amazing first year—the 20-year vision of Governor Anoatubby and the Chickasaw people is being realized every day," said Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham, tribal administrator for the Division of History and Culture. "And, to all of the guests who have helped make our first year so very special, we say, 'Chokmashki'—thank you."

Following special events are scheduled during the anniversary weekend to commemorate the occasion.

· $1 admission to the Chikasha Poya Exhibit Center.

· $1 movie at the Center's 350-seat Anoli' Theater with a 2,400 square-foot screen. Showing during the anniversary weekend is the classic 1985 hit movie "The Goonies."

· $1 hot dogs at the Aaimpá Café.

· Free t-shirts to the first 200 visitors on Saturday and 100 on Sunday.

· Free tote bags to the first 400 visitors on Saturday and 200 on Sunday.

· Free birthday cake and cupcakes starting 11 a.m. (Saturday only, while supplies last.)

· Scrapbooking workshop at the Holisso Seminar room 1 p.m. Saturday.

In addition, several fun-filled, family-oriented and informational activities are scheduled throughout the summer making the Chickasaw Cultural Center a perfect choice for your next family outing. From genealogy and scrapbooking workshops to stomp dance and stickball presentations, the Chickasaw Cultural Center has something for everyone.

Cultural teachers are always on hand to educate visitors on crafts such as beadwork, basketry and pottery, tanning hides, bow making and flute making. Guided group tours are also available upon request.

A recent addition to the sprawling campus is the new Holisso Center for the Study of Chickasaw History and Culture. A premiere research center for the study, scholarship and research of Chickasaw and Southeastern tribal cultures and histories, the Center provides a deeper understanding of American, Oklahoman and Mississippian history.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center is located at 867 Charles Cooper Memorial Road. For more information, please visit www.chickasawculturalcenter.com or call (580) 622-7130.

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Tribal education, health programs funded at $22.9m ytd

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, *Chickasaw Times* and Governor's and Lt. Governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending May 31, 2011

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled $11.5 million for the month and $103.1 million year-to-date. Expenditures were $6.0 million for the month and $60.0 million year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for May totaled $88.0 million and $657.7 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was $169.7 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was $71.3 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At May 31, 2011, the tribal government funds had $143.1 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, $18.7 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had $178.8 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of May 31, 2011, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of $1.213 billion compared to $1.196 billion at April 30, 2011 or an increase of $17 million.

Watch for upcoming information about the Chickasaw Nation's new password protected website that allows you to access financial reports, program applications, employment information and much more!

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Eight Months Ended May 31, 2011

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	4,761,161	657,777,227	662,538,388
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	98,343,919	(98,343,919)	-
Total funds available	103,105,080	559,433,308	662,538,388
Expenditures			
General government	7,234,454		7,234,454
Legislature	1,101,053		1,101,053
Judiciary	610,534		610,534
Education	11,648,498		11,648,498
Heritage Preservation	8,609,478		8,609,478
Health	11,258,691		11,258,691
Youth and Family Services	5,282,654		5,282,654
Nutrition Programs	3,143,790		3,143,790
Regulatory	5,004,176		5,004,176
Assistance Programs	6,200,529		6,200,529
Gaming expense		349,746,081	349,746,081
Other businesses' expense		138,349,431	138,349,431
Total expenditures	60,093,857	488,095,512	548,189,368
Increase in net assets	43,011,223	71,337,797	114,349,020
Beginning net assets	518,184,288	580,945,883	1,099,130,171
Ending net assets	561,195,511	652,283,679	1,213,479,190

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
May 31, 2011

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	143,198,549	178,810,310	322,008,859
Receivables	39,472,787	52,183,606	91,656,392
Inventory	168,497	5,828,654	5,997,151
Prepaid expenses		19,556,552	19,556,552
Other Assets		10,818,353	10,818,353
Fixed assets	378,715,867	537,085,875	915,801,742
Less payables	(360,189)	(151,999,670)	(152,359,859)
Net Assets	561,195,511	652,283,679	1,213,479,190

Enhanced staff, efficient triage, shorter wait times

Tribal Medical Center Emergency Department makes big changes

Chickasaw Nation Medical Center Emergency Department providers Rachel Jimboy, RN, left, and Jenny Simon, PA, discuss a chart in a patient room. The tribal Emergency Department task force has helped institute some big and effective changes in the department's processes that have improved service. Changes include more providers, improved scheduling, more efficient triage processes, and expanded communication efforts.

When over 4,800 patients arrived at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center Emergency Department last January, it was clear processes would have to be modified.

"The volume in our Emergency Department increased exponentially when we moved to our new facility," Heather Summers, leader of the Emergency Department task force said. "Additionally, patient expectations were higher. So, we knew we had to change how we were approaching things."

By any measure, the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center Emergency Department is a very busy place. The average number of monthly patient visits to non-metro Oklahoma Emergency Departments is about 1,200. The tribal medical center was going to have to ramp up to handle the numbers.

"Our motivations included reducing wait times, getting patients seen quickly and making the Emergency Department visit as good an experience as it could possibly be," Chickasaw Nation Medical Center administrator Dr. Judy Goforth Parker said. "We dedicated ourselves to providing the very best emergency care available."

When the move to the new medical center took place one year ago, the Urgent Care Clinic and Emergency Department were combined. The new facility also offered a much different environment from what patients had previously experienced. Patient treatment areas were now separate and secluded from the waiting areas.

Drop in on top of these fundamental changes a terrific spike in patient visits, and the Emergency Department processes slowed.

"We also discovered we had to communicate more effectively," Mrs. Summers said. "At Carl Albert, patients and families could observe the comings and goings of the physicians and nurses. Now, that had changed."

As a result, the health care providers and others on staff now make sure to keep patients and families informed on the status of treatment and what the time frame looked like.

Big improvements in the Emergency Department included streamlining triage protocols and adding providers in the proper areas and times.

Triage includes the prioritization of patients and allocation of treatment designed to maximize good patient outcomes and efficiency.

Previously, nurses were required to wait on a physician's examination prior to ordering imaging or other tests. Now, tests can be ordered in advance to speed the process.

The Emergency Department also opened more patient rooms, supplemented medical staff and matched up the busiest times with beefed-up personnel.

"We tracked our numbers over months to isolate the busiest days and times," Mrs. Summers said. "That data has proved to be invaluable."

The changes instituted in the Emergency Department have paid great dividends for patients and providers.

The average time a patient spends in the Emergency Department is now 101 minutes - less than one-half the wait time just seven months ago.

Patients now move through triage, medical tests and exams in much more efficient fashion. Added nurses, nurse practitioners and physicians have speeded the process. Everyone is tuned into providing the very best care as efficiently and quickly as possible.

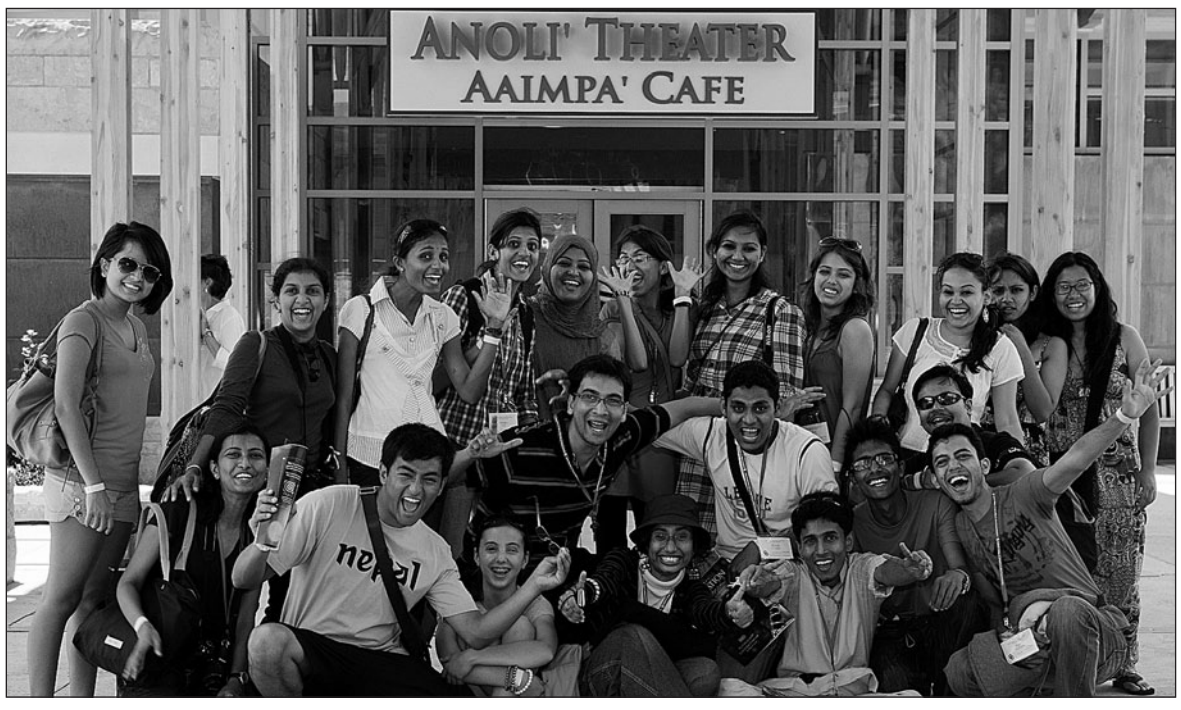
"In January, we had 15 percent of our Emergency Department visitors leave before they were even seen by a provider," Mrs. Summers said. "Today, that number is down to one percent."

And patients and their families are kept informed throughout the visit.

"I think the hardest thing for people was that they didn't know what was going on," Mrs. Summers said. "We learned to be proactive and provide information to our patients on a regular basis."

The Chickasaw Nation's Emergency Department is still a very busy place - one of the busiest EDs in the state. But now, it is also one of the most efficient, best staffed and timeliest, as well.

Asian students visit Cultural Center



Visitors from afar - students from South Asia participating in the University of Oklahoma Gaylord College of Journalism New Media Institute - visited the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur on May 28. Students in the program are from Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka and Nepal. The group visited Oklahoma for about a month and then went on to Chicago and Washington, D.C. to continue learning about new media. Mike McKee

This could be you!

2010 - 2011 Chickasaw Princesses, from left, Little Miss Chickasaw Maegan Carney, Chickasaw Junior Princess Taloa Underwood and Chickasaw Princess Sesiley Robertson.

Have you ever thought about being a Chickasaw Princess or just want more information about the princess program? **Contact:** Mary Hartley, Princess Program Coordinator, (580) 272-7710 or email mary.hartley@chickasaw.net

Chickasaw Chamber Music Festival a groundbreaking tour de force

ADA, Okla. - Running the musical gamut from student compositions to Led Zeppelin, the inaugural Chickasaw Chamber Music Festival treated audiences to a truly groundbreaking experience.

The McSwain Theatre in Ada provided the venue for the three-day festival, June 3 through 5. The festival was billed the world's first American Indian chamber music event.

"The intention of the festival is to showcase American and Indian composers and performers," said festival creative director and Chickasaw Nation composer-in-residence Jerod Tate.

Jerod Tate

"Right now there is a great wave of interest in American Indians for the classical fine arts, for both performance and composition," Mr. Tate said. "It is the same thing we've seen in painting, dance, film and literature. There have been big explosions in all of those genres, and currently we're witnessing a big explosion in classical music."

Many of the top names among American Indian composers and performers of modern classical music took part in the festival. Performances and instruction were provided by Mr. Tate, Yaqui classical guitarist Gabriel Ayala, Voices of Change from Dallas, Cherokee mezzo-soprano Barbara McAlister and New York City's ETHEL string quartet.

Each afternoon, festival master classes designed to critique and encourage select student participants took place. Students learned from the artists featured in the event.

"This festival is part of our effort to offer inspiration, instruction and motivation to our students interested in the fine arts," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "We believe this opportunity to learn directly from successful American Indian musicians could very well encourage these students to pursue meaningful careers in the arts."

Taylor Jones, a junior at Oklahoma City University, received an hour-long, one-on-one guitar instruction session with Mr. Ayala.

"It was really great to get feedback from someone who is so well-versed with a guitar," Mr. Jones said. "It was nice to have that much time with him as well."

Mr. Jone's mother, Sandy, accompanied her son to the master class.

"Taylor got a lot of really good advice from Gabriel," she said. "This is some of the best instruction I've ever seen him receive."

Nightly performances allowed community members to experience the talent of Native American musicians first-hand.

Bill and Glenda Roach of Ada attended all three concerts.

"This was a wonderful way to kick off the Chickasaw music festivals," Glenda said. "There was so much outstanding talent."

Mr. Roach echoed his wife's statement, adding that it was nice to see so much focus on Native American musicians and composers.

"It was an amazing idea to shine some light on the Native American talent in the music industry," he said. "It was a wonderful presentation and something for the community to really embrace."

The Chickasaw Nation plans to conduct annual festivals featuring Native American talent in different genres.

For more information on future music festivals sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation, visit www.chickasawmusicfestivals.org.

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Yaqui guitarist Gabriel Ayala performs at the inaugural Chickasaw Chamber Music Festival, conducted June 3-5 in Ada. The festival was the first chamber music event to focus on Native American composers and musicians. Marcy Gray

Southeastern Art Show, Market applications due Sept. 2

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - The application deadline for this year's Southeastern Art Show and Market in Tishomingo, Okla., is Friday, Sept. 2, 2011.

Thousands of dollars in prize money will be awarded, including a $1,000 cash prize for the Best in Show winner and $1,000 in total prize money for Youth winners.

Adults and youth from any Southeastern or Woodland tribe are encouraged to enter the competition in the two-dimensional and three-dimensional categories.

Artists may enter up to two works per category up to a total of four entries.

The youth artist competition is open to students entering grades nine through 12 in the 2011-2012 school years.

Hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities during the tribe's 51st Annual Meeting and 23rd Festival, the juried art competition and market will be conducted Saturday, Sept. 29-Oct. 1 on the tribe's capitol grounds.

Art Show and Market art awards will be presented Sept. 29 at the Arts and Culture Awards in conjunction with the 2011 Annual Meeting and Festival.

Application forms, entry rules and additional information can be found on the Chickasaw Nation website at www.chickasaw.net or by contacting the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520 or artistinfo@chickasaw.net.

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'Festival of the Arts' July 30 in Ada

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities invites all citizens, parents and community members to the annual Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy "Festival of the Arts" beginning at 9 a.m., Saturday, July 30 at the Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center on the campus of East Central University in Ada.

After a welcome, the Fine Arts Rotation students will perform. Level II students will perform from 1:15 p.m. to 4 p.m. Both performances are open to the public and free of charge.

As a finale to the intensive two-week academy, the festival features progress made by the students during formal training in visual arts, acting, writing, video production, music and dance.

Now in its seventh year, the Arts Academy offers a unique opportunity for Oklahoma students, age 8 to 19, to evaluate and develop their creative potential.

For more information, call the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

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Nominations currently being accepted for 2011 Dynamic Woman of the Year

The Chickasaw Nation is now accepting nominations for the 2011 Dynamic Woman of the Year Award.

All nominations and supporting documentation must be turned in to the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities by August 12, 2011.

Established in 2006, the award honors Chickasaw women who have made significant contributions to the Nation, served as role-models to other Chickasaw women and who have made a difference in the lives of Chickasaws and other citizens, enriching their communities and society at large.

The Dynamic Woman of the Year Award salutes the contributions that the recipient has made to improving and enhancing the lives of those around her, her professional accomplishments and her dedication to preserving the cultural heritage of the Chickasaw Nation.

Chickasaw women, age 35 and older, with proof of citizenship through Chickasaw Nation Citizenship documentation or Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB), are eligible. Women currently serving as Chickasaw elected officials or in appointed positions of the Executive Department are not eligible.

Women considered for this award include those who are distinguished and are pioneers in their professional field; those who have championed other women and women's issues; and those who exemplify and uphold Chickasaw values, culture and traditions.

The honoree will receive her award at the Chickasaw Arts and Culture Awards Ceremony in conjunction with the Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival in Tishomingo, Okla.

Additional nominations and information can be obtained by calling the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

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2011 Chickasaw Nation Dynamic Woman of the Year

AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Deadline for nomination and supporting documents: Friday, August 12, 2011

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING ABOUT THE NOMINEE YOU WISH TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS YEARÕS AWARD. Thank you for printing clearly.

NomineeÕs full name: _____

Address (if you know it): _____

City and state where currently residing: _____

Phone or cell phone of nominee: _____
Is this? ☐ home ☐ work ☐ cell

How long have you known the nominee? _____ ☐ years ☐ months

Your relationship to nominee: ☐ relative ☐ friend ☐ co-worker ☐ other _____

On separate paper, please include a detailed description of:

- Reason for nomineeÕs importance
- Past and present activities of the nominee
- Accomplishments, awards and/or special honors
- Outstanding contributions to family, community and/or Chickasaw Nation
- Short biographical information (may include resume, vitae, newspaper or magazine articles, or other information)
- A recent photograph (black & white or color; returned after final selection is made)

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR OUR RECORDS AND FOR FURTHER QUESTIONS REGARDING THE NOMINEE, IF REQUIRED.

Your name: _____

Address:_____ City_____ ST____ Zip_____

Best phone to contact you: _____
Is this? ☐ home ☐ work ☐ cell

Please submit this form along with all documentation by August 12, 2011, to the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities. Information may be submitted via:

Mail	OR	Fax
Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts & Humanities P.O. Box 1548 Ada, OK 74821		(580) 272-5525

For questions, contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

Greenwood, Worcester, youth win at Red Earth

OKLAHOMA CITY - Several Chickasaw artists were recognized at the art competitions conducted at the 25th Annual Red Earth Festival. The festival was June 3-5 at the Cox Convention Center.

Brent Greenwood

Chickasaw painter Brent Greenwood received the Red Earth President's Award with his piece entitled "Native Flag."

Daniel Worcester, Chickasaw bladesmith, won first place in the diversified category division with his blade.

Daniel Worcester

Six young Chickasaw also took several honors in the James H. and Madalynne Norick Foundation Youth Art Competition.

In the Division I (ages 9-12), Tryston Ingram and Tyler Madison won first and third place, respectively, in sculpture.

Division II (ages 13-15) winners were Sha Ingram, who received first in the sculpture, and Adreanna Oliver, who took second in pottery.

Taloa Underwood won first in the Division III (ages 16-18) cultural items competition and Kimber Lee Davis won second in Division III sculpture.

Greenwood, Worcester and the young Chickasaw artists were among several Chickasaw citizens to enter in the highly competitive contest. This year, the Red Earth organization had more than 300 artists who submitted entries.

For more information on the Red Earth Organization, visit www.redearth.org.

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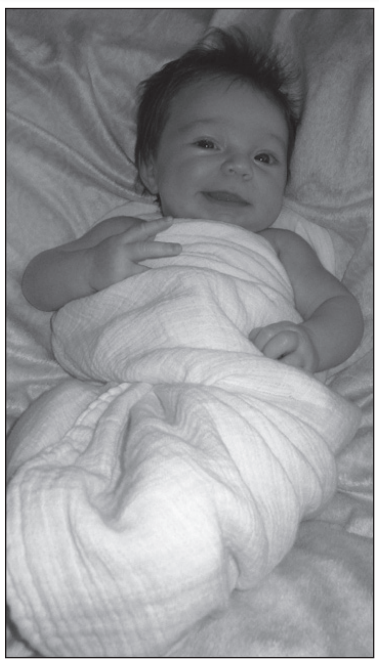
Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard members participate in the Red Earth parade.

Chickasaw Royalty, from left, Jr. Miss Chickasaw Taloa Underwood, Chickasaw Princess Sesiley Robertson and Little Miss Chickasaw Meagan Carney.

BIRTHS



Violet Julia Travis

Colin and Alanna Travis, of Houston, announce the birth of their daughter, **Violet Julia Travis**. She was born Feb. 9, 2011. She weighed 7 lbs., 7 oz., and measured 20 inches at birth.

Proud grandparetns are Marla and Bud Boswell, of Frisco, Texas, Ken and Janelle Khatain, of Boise, Idaho, and Ed and Rebecca Travis, of Friendswood, Texas.

Great-grandparents are Ardell Morgan and the late Daniel Morgan, the late Edward and LaVerne Khatain, and Lahoma and Gary Robinson. She is the great-great-granddaughter of original enrollee Ben and Betty Young Massey.

Heydien Jace Hunter

Alisha R. (Smith) and Jimmie D. Hunter II announce the birth of their son, **Heydien Jace Hunter**. He was born May 25, 2011 at 8:15 a.m.. He weighed 8 lbs., 2 oz., and measured 20 3/4 inches at birth.

Grandparents are Susan and the late Randy Smith, of Davison, Okla., Charlotte and the late Jimmie Hunter, of Frederick, Okla.

He is the great-grandson of Jimmy and the late Mary Smith, of Hinton, Okla., Leta and Ed Jezisek, of Hollister, Okla., Dolores and Jim Hunter, of Altus, Okla., and the late Vivian and bobby Rogers, of Tipton, Okla.

Brothers and sisters are Jace Hunter, of Ponca City, Okla., and Cyerra and Keon Wade, of Frederick.

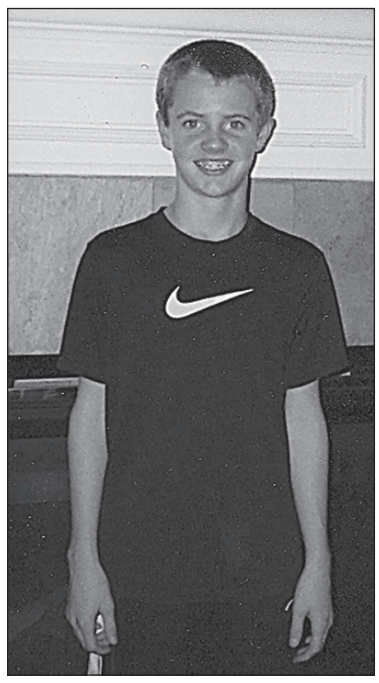
BIRTHDAYS

Braxton Lee Davis

Braxton Lee Davis celebrated his second birthday with his brother, Bryce Michael Davis, and lots of friends and family with a cook-out and swimming pool party at the home of his grandparents, Tommy Lee Davis Sr., and Carolyn Davis, of Belton, Texas.

Braxton is the son of Tommy Lee Davis, Jr., and Ginger Davis, of Belton.

He is the great-grandson of Charles and Betty Davis, of Kingston, Okla., and the great-great-grandson of original enrollee, the late Vivian Wallace and Earnest Wallace.



Matthew Atteberry

Matthew Atteberry celebrated his 13th birthday may 7, 2011. His family made this a very special day for him with gifts, shopping trip and a family meal.

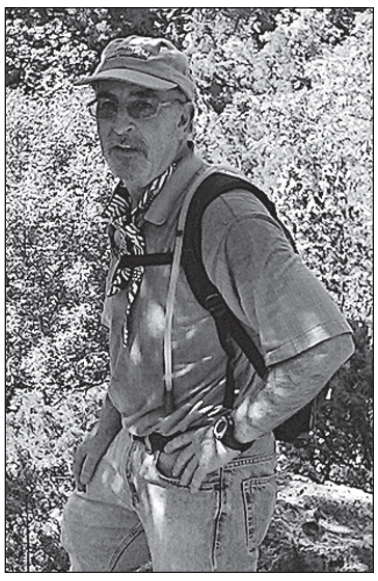
He made his family proud with his accomplishment in sports. He received a certificate for participating in three sports, football, basketball and track. He also received a certificate of merit for being an outstanding free throw shooter.

Matthew will enter the eighth grade at Riverwood Middle School in Kingwood, Texas.

He is the son of Robert and Dana Atteberry and the great-great-grandson of Winnie L. Blocker, an original enrollee.

Happy Birthday Matthew!

Chickasaw consultant focuses on environment



Charles E. Bell

A Chickasaw businessman has been honored for his company's efforts in the areas of health and safety.

Charles E. Bell is a founding principal of theGreenTeam, Inc., a Tulsa-based environmental consulting firm specializing in the building industry and sustainable development.

Mr. Bell was presented the 2011 Nania Special Corporate Award in June by Tulsa Partners, Inc. Tulsa Partners, Inc., is a non-profit organization that uses public-private partnerships to build disaster resistant and sustainable communities.

Mr. Bell's company has worked with a number of U.S. companies and organizations including DuPont, Albertsons, Pepsico, Firestone, Rice University, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and more.

Projects on which Mr. Bell has consulted have been recognized, including the American Institute of Architects Sustainable Communities Strategies and Materials; the American Institute of Architects Top Ten Environmental Projects; the Austin Commercial Green Building Program; the National Council of Commercial Builders; the Oklahoma Governor's Award for Environmental Achievement; the Sustainable Building Industry Council Beyond Green Award; the United Nations Earth Summit Global Sustainability Award; and the White House "Closing the Circle" Award.

Mr. Bell is the son of the late Wilson W. Bell and grandson of the late Alta Pearl Bell, both Chickasaws.

Pride and Joy

Bailee Raine Shields

Bailee Raine Shields is the daughter of Nigel Stick and Jarrod Shields, of Ada, Okla.

She is the granddaughter of Naomi Tiger, Renata Shields, and Monty and Levina Stick, all of Ada. She is the great-granddaughter of Ernestine Tiger, Homer Shields, and Tina Stick, all of Ada, and Dollie Cole, of Oklahoma City.

Aunts and uncles are Kadence and Triston Jones, Jacob, Jalon, Mark (Big Man), Jace and Breanne Birdshead, Tommie and Sarah Shields, Montilee, Chardoney and Corri Stick, and Mikkah Cosar, all of Ada, and Connie Shields, of Oklahoma City.

Great aunts and uncles include, Annie Tiger, Jenny and Alex Tiger, all of Ada, and the late Joseph Tiger, Rhonda and Joel Leftwich, Eric and Anthony Shields, of Oklahoma City, and the late Leslie Shields.

Bailee was born Oct. 21, 2010 at Valley View Regional Hospital, Ada. She weighed 9 lbs., 5 oz. She is currently eight months old and gets into everything.

She has four teeth and cut her first tooth at 3 months of age.

She has been trying to stand and walk by herself. She loves to make funny sounds with her lips, loves to scream and she likes to jump over you while you are lying down sideways on a bed.

She has been crawling for a few months and it is the funniest thing I've ever seen.

She crawls with her feet and hands on the floor and she will stick her little bottom in the air and start moving.

Her favorite food is chicken alfredo. Her favorite toy is her colorful pig. She likes going on walks and having little dogs follow, because she thinks they are the funniest thing ever.

She loves it when little dogs lick her toes.

She's changed our lives and she is the best thing that ever happened to us.

We love you Bailee Raine!

Mom and Dad

Letters to Editor

Thanks for Golf Camp experience

Dear Chickasaw Nation,

Thank you for letting me go to the Chickasaw Golf Camp. And thank you for the golf clubs. I hope to be a golfer someday. And thank you for the credit cards for my grades.

Love,
Olivia Bartmess
Norman, Okla.

CHICKASAW STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Konnor Willis

Konnor Willis tops in reading, citizenship

A Texas fifth-grader is achieving good results at his school.

Konnor Willis attends Degan Elementary in Lewisville, Texas.

Last semester Konnor received the Golden Eagle Award for excellence in character, education and outstanding citizenship. He was also a member of the "A" honor roll for the year.

He took first place in the accelerated reading program and received a Chess Club award and the Degan Post Office award.

He received a "commended performance" mark on his mathematics and reading state tests, and excelled on the writing portion. He was a spelling bee participant.

Konnor is the son of Colton and Erica Willis, and Cindy Willis.

His grandparents are Terry and Cindy Willis, Jimmy and Pam Craft and William and Lisa Woolsey.

Konnor's parents and grandparents are very proud of him.

Blake Havern

Texas Scout makes Old Glory a top priority

Boy Scout Blake Havern, of The Woodlands, Texas, proudly stands by the American flag he installed on Memorial Day as part of the "Flags Across America" Program in his neighborhood.

"Flags Across America" is a Troop 772 fund raising program that allows the Scout to earn money for Scouting activities and also provide a tribute to America on Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, and Veterans Day.

Blake woke up at 6 a.m. to install the neighborhood flags and took them down at dusk. The flags are stored at Blake's house until the next holiday.

Blake is the great-grandson of Charline Penner Von Tunglen, born in Mill Creek, Okla., in 1914, and the fourth great-grandson of Chickasaw Governor Cyrus Harris.

Audrey Kahwaty

Audrey Kahwaty joins in N.C. Unity Conference

Audrey Kahwaty is a rising freshman at Millbrook High School in Raleigh, N.C.

Audrey participated in the 32nd Annual North Carolina Youth Unity Conference June 13-16, 2011. The conference was on the campus of North Carolina State University and was attended by approximately 250 high school age students of various tribal affiliations.

The conference helps develop Indian youth leadership, bring about unity among American Indian youth, and expose participants to educational and career opportunities.

The conference was sponsored by the North Carolina Native American Youth Organization in the collaboration with the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs' Educational Talent Search Program.

Audrey is an honor roll student who enjoys participation in cheerleading and is active in the Beta Club and public service.

She is the daughter of Marcia and Ely Kahwaty, of Raleigh, and the granddaughter of the late Loretta Marler, of Ada, Okla.

Chickasaw prep golfer places in 4A tourney

Brock Bell, a Chickasaw and sophomore at Weatherford (OK) High School, finished 17th of 76 golfers at Lake Hefner North golf course in May for the class 4A State Championship. Brock is the grandson of the late Ruth Jane Maytubby.

NEWS FROM CHICKASAW PRINCESS

Sesiley Robertson
Chickasaw Princess

Chuckma! This is your Chickasaw Princess updating you on our recent events.

As most of you may know, the "Gathering of the Nations" is held yearly in Albuquerque, New Mexico. We attended this event and I must say it was amazing! We had so much fun and met so many new people. I don't think I have ever seen or been to a Powwow this big! It was filled with so many other beautiful princesses from all over the world! I also saw jingle dancers and fancy dancers. They had the prettiest outfits of many colors, symbols, beads, bells, and more.

After the first grand entry, the other princesses and I did a little bit of mingling around the Powwow. While we were mingling and just getting a little free time to explore, we noticed some bands playing music. We got to meet one of the bands and talked to them about their music and group. The name of their band is called, "Upon Darkness." You would think from the name that it sounds a little heavy or dark but they played very soft acoustic rock. We ended up becoming good friends with members of the band. We hear from them every now and then.

While in Albuquerque, we also saw the Miss Indian World Pageant. It reminded the other princesses, Taloa and Meagan, and me of our own pageant back home and we got to experience what it was like from the audience's perspective. Again I saw gorgeous contestants in different traditional attire and some interesting talents. The other two princesses and I got to meet most of them and wished them good luck. While we were talking to some of the ladies, I noticed the contestant from Alaska wearing some gorgeous boots! They caught my attention because I had never seen any traditional attire like this. I made the girls laugh because I could not stop admiring her boots. We had an awesome time at the pageant.

Over all, in Albuquerque we had fun exploring and sightseeing, as well as being in every grand entry. We were proud to be representing the Chickasaw Nation at this event, waving and smiling, and showing our pride in our nation.

Later after we arrived back in Oklahoma, along with Governor Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel, we attended all of the Chickasaw Head Start graduations. At each graduation, we princesses performed the Lord's Prayer in sign language and congratulated the graduates.

Through all the time and events so far, I'd say we have worked together and stayed confident. I feel very close to the other princesses, as well as their families, and our wonderful coordinator, Mary Hartley.

We will stay confident and hardworking and will be graceful! We feel a lot of support and encouragement not only from our families, friends and each other, but from all of the Chickasaws!

Yakoke!

Chickasaw Princess,
Sesiley Robertson

Help us update our military list!

The Chickasaw Nation is updating the military database for those on active duty and stationed away from home.

If you know of a Chickasaw in the service whom you would like to add to the list or update their address, please contact Joy Barrick in the Public Affairs Department at (580) 310-6451 or email joy.barrick@chickasaw.net.

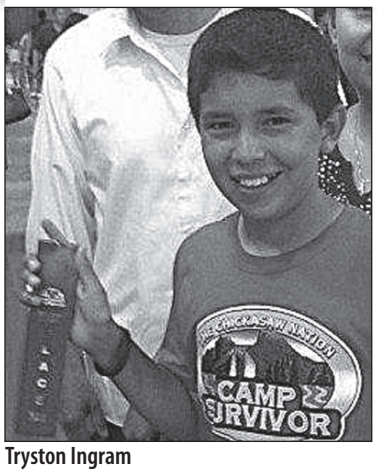
Complete the Customer Service Survey and win!

Chickasaw citizens who complete a tribal customer service survey can win $100.

Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey through the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens regarding tribal programs, services and customer service.

After completing the survey, enter the giveaway. The $100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in *the Chickasaw Times.*

CHICKASAW STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Tryston Ingram

Tryston Ingram artist, student, ballplayer

A Chickasaw boy's artwork took a first place award during the recent Red Earth Festival in Oklahoma City.

Tryston Ingram is a fifth-grade student at Blanchard (OK) Elementary School.

Tryston won the first place at the James H. and Madalynne Norick Youth Art Competition for his sculpture of a lizard. Tryston worked very hard on the piece and dedicated many hours to sculpting, coloring and firing his entry. He was very excited when he realized he had won first place!

Tryston's favorite pastime is playing basketball. He plays basketball for the fifth- and sixth-grade Blanchard Lions and spends much of his time outside shooting hoops.

Tryston is an honor student and a member of the Superintendent's and Principal's Honor Rolls. He is also a Chickasaw Nation Honor Club member.

Tryston also enjoys drawing, hunting with his dad, shooting his bow, fishing and swimming.

He is a Chickasaw citizen and is also of Comanche and Ohkay Owingeh descent.

Tryston is the son of Darrin and Alisa Ingram, of Blanchard.

His paternal grandparents are James and Phyllis Ingram, and his paternal great-grandmother is Lena Farve, all of Enville, Okla.

His maternal grandparents are the late Patricia Attocknie, and Randy Attocknie and Mary Bank, of Oklahoma City. His maternal great-grandparents are the late Joseph (Joe A) Attocknie and Rosalie Attocknie, of Apache, Okla.

Tryston is also a Yellowfish descendant and a direct descendant of Comanche chief Ten Bears.

Sha Ingram

Chickasaw runner, softball player also competing well on academic side

A Chickasaw eighth-grader has recently done well in her track competitions.

Sha Ingram attends Blanchard (OK) Middle School. During her recently completed track season, Sha took first place in the 100- and 300-meter hurdles at the Canadian Valley Junior High Conference track meet. Her times were :17.95 and :53.00, in those respective events.

Sha also ran the anchor leg of Blanchard's 400-meter and 800-meter relays, in which the team place third and second, respectively.

Earlier in the season and the Purcell meet, Sha took first place in both the 100-meter and 300-meter hurdles; fifth in the 400-meter relay; and third in the 800-meter relay.

At the Velma-Alma meet, she took third in both the 100-meter hurdles and the 400-meter relay.

At the Pauls Valley meet, she was second in 100-meter hurdles; first in 300-meter hurdles; fourth in 300-meter relay; and third in 800-meter relay.

At the Anadarko meet, Sha placed first in all her events, including 100-meter hurdles, 300-meter hurdles, 400-meter relay and 800-meter relay.

Sha is also a competitive fastpitch softball player for Gametime Stars 97. The team is playing in the USSSA 14&under World Series Tourament in Florida this month, where Gametime Stars 97 will defend its World Series championship title.

She is also a pitcher and shortstop on the Blanchard Junior High Lady Lions fastpitch softball team, and is a member of the basketball team.

She is also a point guard for the Oklahoma Select, an Oklahoma City Amateur Athletic Union team.

A member of the Blanchard High School varsity cheer squad, Sha is a flyer on the team. The team recently attended NCA Cheer Camp at the University of Oklahoma where team members received the Champion Chant award, the Spirit award and the Herkie team award for exemplifying team unity and spirit.

Sha received a first place for her bobcat sculpture during the recent James H. and Madalynne Norick Red Earth Art competition.

She is a member of the gifted and talented arts program at Blanchard. She is a straight A student and a member of the National Junior High Honor Society, the Superintendent's Honor Roll, the Chickasaw Nation Governor's Honor Club, and is a U.S. Achievement Academy All-American Scholar.

She has also received the President's Education Award.

Sha is an enrolled member of the Chickasaw Nation and is also of Comanche and Ohkay Owingeh descent.

She is the daughter of Darrin and Alisa Ingram, of Enville, Okla. Her paternal great-grandmother is Lena Farve, of Enville.

Her maternal great-grandparents are the late Patricia Attocknie, and Randy Attocknie and Mary Bank, of Oklahoma City.

Her maternal great-grandparents are the late Joseph Attocknie and Rosalie Attocknie, of Apache, Okla.

Sha is a Yellowfish descendant and direct descendant of Comanche chief Ten Bears.

Texas Chickasaws top speed skaters

Jacob and Anna Johnson

Two Chickasaw children have recently qualified for national competition in speed skating.

Jacob and Anna Johnson, of Wichita Falls, Texas, won regional titles in speed skating during May 28-29 competition in Waco, Texas. The Chickasaw skaters competed against skaters from Texas, New Mexico, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Jacob won first place in the primary boys division, and Anna won third place in primary girls division. Together, Jacob and Anna took first in the boy/girl relay team competition.

Jacob and Anna will be competing for national titles this month in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Jacob is eight and will be a third grader at Hardin Elementary School in Burkburnett, Texas. Anna is six and will be a first grader at Hardin.

The children's parents are Jeremiah and Donna Johnson.

Grandparents are Tami Johnson, of Shreveport, Louisiana, and Donald and Brenda Burnett, of Bossier City, Louisiana.

Anita Johnson, of Elysian Fields, Texas is the children's great-grandmother.

The family is grateful to the Chickasaw Nation for its assistance with a sports sponsorship.

Logan Havern at wrestling camp

From left, Logan Havern, TWHS coach Michael Harris, Olympic Gold Medalist Steve Fraser and TWHS wrestling coach Brad Funk.

A Chickasaw wrestler has recently completed participation in an exceptional wrestling camp.

Logan Havern, a freshman at The Woodlands (TX) High School, participated in a U.S. Camps wrestling camp at his school.

Logan was instructed by Sam Hazewinkel, an NCAA Division I collegiate champion and USA Greco-Roman champion; Dan Russell, an NCAA Division I and II collegiate champion and Greco-Roman champion; and Steve Fraser, an Olympic champion, Olympic coach and Team World Champion 2007.

Michael Harris and Brad Funk coach The Woodlands High School wrestling team.

Logan's parents are Chris and Amy Havern, of The Woodlands.

His grandparents are Tim and Amanda Havern, of El Reno, Okla.

CHICKASAW STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Chickasaw college debater finishes second in national debate tournament

Laura Driver

Chickasaw citizen and Texas State University senior Laura Driver finished second in the nation in the Pi Kappa Delta National Debate Tournament. The tournament was in Portland, Oregon, March 23-26, 2011.

Ms. Driver and her debate partner, Luis Baez, finished behind a team from Portland State University and originally were the tournament's seventh seed. The two made the final four after advancing through six preliminary debates in a field of teams from across the United States.

"It was difficult, challenging, and frustrating at times, but it was one of the best debates Luis and I have had since we started debating together," Ms. Driver said.

Wayne Kraemer, Director of the LBJ Debate Society, was proud of the team's accomplishment.

"They are hard-working students who are a pleasure to coach," Mr. Kraemer said.

Pi Kappa Delta is the nation's oldest collegiate forensics honorary dating to 1913. Texas State received its charter in 1934 with university distinguished alums R.H. Bing, J. Edwin Smith, York Wilbern, and Lyndon Baines Johnson's debate coach, H.M. Greene.

Ms. Driver is the daughter of Anne and David Driver, originally of Marshall County, Oklahoma. She is the granddaughter of Cleburn Driver, of Fort Worth, Texas, and a great niece of Ruby Driver Haden, of Kingston, Okla.

She has received scholarships from the Chickasaw Nation throughout her four years of college and is most appreciative of that support. She graduated magna cum laude from Texas State University in May, 2011, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geography – Resource and Environmental Studies.

She is looking forward to beginning the next phase of her life.

Her family could not be more proud of her.

Chickasaw Taylor Carson graduates from U.S. Naval Academy

U.S. Navy Ensign Taylor Carson Hamilton with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Dennison Hamilton.

ANNAPOLIS, Maryland - U.S. Navy Ensign Taylor Carson Hamilton, son of Dr. and Mrs. Dennison Hamilton, graduated from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis on Friday, May 27, 2011 and was commissioned as an Officer in the U.S. Navy.

Ensign Hamilton successfully completed four years of intensive academic, physical, and professional training, resulting in a Bachelor of Science Degree with major in Chinese. As a graduate of the Naval Academy, Ensign Hamilton completed a four-year, total immersion program where a strong, balanced academic program, focused on the educational needs of the Navy, is superimposed on a strict, professional military training environment emphasizing the development of leadership skills.

Following graduation, Ensign Hamilton has been assigned to the USS Curtis Wilbur in Yokosuka, Japan where he will be the Electrical Officer on board.

Considered one of the top educational institutions in the country, the U.S. Navy Academy was founded in 1845 and has graduated more than 60,000 men and women as Naval and Marine Corps Officers. Its graduates include 4,000 admirals and generals, one president, 200 Members of Congress, governors, 73 Medal of Honor recipients, one Nobel Prize winner, and 40 astronauts.

The Naval Academy currently has more than 4,000 students who comprise the Brigade of Midshipmen and who come from the every state in the union.

Ensign Hamilton is a 2007 graduate of Blue Valley North High School, Overland Park, Kansas.

Chickasaw's team tops

Chickasaw Matthew Stafford, back row, far left, and his team the Wewoka Yankees, recently won first place in the Seminole Baseball Association's 12-and-under league post-season tournament. The Yankees also placed first in league play. The team is coached by Matt's dad, David Stafford, (Chickasaw), and Jason Curry.

Holcombs celebrate 45th Anniversary

John and Patsy (Dickens) Holcomb of Seguin, Texas were married June 25, 1966 at First Baptist Church Freer, Texas.

The couple's sons, David and wife Christy Holcomb, of Winston-Salem, N.C., and Brent Holcomb, of Gilbert, Ariz., grandchildren Lauren, Katelyn, Ryan, Madeline and Olivia Holcomb, will celebrate the anniversary at a later date.

The late John Thomas Henderson, Chickasaw original enrollee, is the grandfather of John Holcomb.

American Indian Festival Preview Party set for July 8

An American Indian Festival Preview party and fundraiser is set for Friday, July 8 at the Century 2 Expo Hall, 225 W. Douglas in Wichita, Kan.

The event will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Mid-America American Indian Center in Wichita. The facility is purchasing new display cases.

Tickets to the event are $30 per person, or $250 for a table of 10. There will be food, wine and shopping, and attendees will meet award-wining Indian artist Dana Tiger as well as several local youth artists.

Tickets may be purchased with check, Visa or MasterCard, debit or credit. Checks should be made out to "MAAIC."

For more information, call April or Crystal at (316) 350-3340 or stop by the MAAIC.

CHICKASAW STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Jalen Underwood

Jalen Underwood a top reader at Byng School

Jalen Underwood is a 2011 graduate of the sixth grade at Byng (OK) Elementary School. He is the son of Gina and JD Underwood. He is the grandson of Barbara and Jack Underwood and Kathy Maxey.

During the graduation ceremony, Jalen was recognized as the top AR reader in his class. The Accelerated Reader is a program for third- through sixth-grade students to increase the volume, quality and enjoyment of reading.

Teachers work with students individually to set an Accelerated Reader goal each quarter. Goals are set in points that are earned when students read books and successfully pass quizzes. The quizzes are designed to see that students have read and understood the books.

Jalen earned 743.3 points for the entire year. He is now a member of the 700-point club and received a plaque for his achievement.

Jacie Crawford

Jacie heading for first grade, likes cheering

Jacie Crawford recently graduated from kindergarten. She is the daughter of Eddie and Sarah Crawford. She has a brother, Ethan.

Jacie is excited to attend first grade in the fall. She will be involved with cheerleading. She enjoys the Chickasaw Nation martial arts program.

We all love Jacie very much!

Brooke Schumacher

Chickasaw student is Calvin salutatorian

Brooke Schumacher is a 2011 graduate of the eighth grade at Calvin (OK) Junior High School. She is the daughter of Ken Schumacher, of Glenpool, Okla., and LaDonna Wilbanks, of Atwood, Okla.

Brooke served as salutatorian of her class. She was active in basketball, softball, 4-H and Future Farmers of America (FFA) and was selected to go to the State FFA convention in Oklahoma City. Brooke was selected into the American Science Academy for her achievements in science and was named to *Who's Who of All American Academics* as being in the top 10% in the nation and *Who's Who Among All American Scholars.*

She was recognized by the United States Achievement Academy as a student of excellence in Science.

Her plans after high school are to attend the University of Oklahoma medical school and fulfill her dream of becoming a doctor.

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council

Every month a meeting is conducted in North Texas at the Bedford Boys Ranch Park, 2801 Forest Ridge Drive in Bedford, Texas. The council chairman is Mr. John Atkins. Each month there is a quest speaker, an activity or something new to learn.

The council meeting is a great opportunity to meet other members of the tribe and to learn about our Chickasaw heritage. Please come and join us!!

Some activities in the past two months included Mr. Tim Givens giving a demo on how to make dream catchers. Tim gave instructions and also provided supplies for each person to create their own beautiful design. Then in June, Ms. Sandra Williams gave a presentation on beginning genealogy.

On July 23, 2011, the Council will host a picnic at the Bedford Boys Ranch pavilion from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The menu will consist of hamburgers and hot dogs. Please RSVP to John Atkins at (972) 271-0692 or email injunjon2@verizon.net. Please come join us for a fun day!!

Please save the date August 27, 2011 when the council will host a showing of "Pearl."

Tim Givens demonstrates how to make a dream catcher during the North Texas Chickasaw Community Council meeting.

Kidney Walk Team

The Sayimmi (I Believe) Kidney Walk Team participated in the National Kidney Foundation Walk, June 11 at the Stars and Strips Park at Lake Heffner, Oklahoma City in celebration of Melissa Morgan's four-year kidney transplant anniversary. Sayimmi Kidney Team walkers included Mrs. Morgan's family, front row from left, Ben Gold and Garrett Morgan. Second row, Shelly Stanford, Derek Collins, Rachael Collins holding Redek Collins, Melissa Morgan, Vicky Gold (Melissa's kidney donor) and Bill Gold. Back row, Buddy Tartsah, Marcus Tartsah and Scott Morgan.
The Sayimmi walkers were proud to donate money and participate at the National Kidney Foundation Walk conducted in Oklahoma City.

Charles Shields Memorial Horseshoe Tournament

The Charles Shields Memorial Horseshoe Tournament was May 28, 2011 at Mill Creek, Okla. Thank you to all that came to the event to honor the ones we miss but not forgotten. From Top: Singles: from left, 3rd place, Gary Walker; 2nd place Bailey Walker; 1st place, Danny Walker. Doubles: 1st place, kneeling, Gary Walker and Michael Lindsey; 2nd place, Billy Clark and Jerome M.; third place, D.D. Jacob and Christopher Walker. At right, Most Ringers, Michael Lindsey

Mark Blackburn

Mark Blackburn is a 2011 graduate of Freedom High School, Orlando, Fla. He is the son of John Blackburn and Darlene Meyer. He is the grandson of John and Myra Blackburn and the late Delbert and Patsy Meyer.

Mark was a member of the orchestra playing the cello. He was the president of the Best Buddies Club, was a member of the chorus and served as the parliamentarian and was a member of the Patriot Singers. He received the following awards: Patriot of the Year, Most Talented Senior, Outstanding Performing Arts Student and the most dedicated Chorus Student.

He has accepted a scholarship to the University Of Memphis majoring in vocal performance.

His family and friends are very proud of him.

Cameron Ross Rojo Chavez

Cameron Ross Rojo Chavez is a 2011 graduate of Allen High School, Allen, Okla. He is the son of Aileen Brown.

Cameron was a member of the student council, Governor's Honor Roll, and the Principle's Honor Roll. He is a member of the Chickasha Apichi Ikba, and a youth Ambassador of People to People program for 2010/2011. He won the National Minority Leadership award from the United States Achievement Academy in 2008. In 2005, he was a published poet of the Anthology of Poetry by Young Americans. He is a part time employee of the Chickasaw Summer Youth program; he was also selected for 2011 prom king.

His plans are to attend Southeastern State College, Durant, Okla. He wants to be a Psychologist.

Laura Moritz

Laura Moritz is a 2011 graduate of Georgiana Bruce Kirby Prep School in Santa Cruz, Calif. She is the daughter of Fritz and Joann Moritz of Boulder Creek, California. She is the great-great-granddaughter of original enrollee Minnie Julia (Seifried) Walker and descendent of Shanneau Maytubby.

Laura has a passion for life, people, travel, white water rafting, and especially volleyball. She is loved by all for her ebullient personality and compassionate nature.

She will attend Cabrillo College in Santa Cruz next fall.

Congratulations Laura—you are amazing!

Love from,

Mom, Dad, and Julia.

Danielle Elliott Henderson

Danielle Henderson is a 2011 graduate of Beatty High School, Beatty, Nev. She is the daughter of Mark Elliott Henderson and Allison Henderson.

Danielle was valedictorian of her class carrying a 4.33 grade point average (GPA). She served as student body president and was a member of the National Honor Society and FCCLA. She was active for four years in volleyball and basketball, and three years in softball. Her senior year Beatty High School dropped softball, so she played baseball where they were Nevada State 1A runner-up.

She plans to attend the University of Nevada Reno to pursue a nursing degree.

Virginia Rose Villanueva

Virginia Rose Villanueva is a 2011 graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School, Dallas. She is the daughter of Antonio and Stephanie JW Villanueva. She is the granddaughter of Rosa Villanueva of Mexico and Timothy and Sally Yellowfish of Oklahoma. She is the great-granddaughter of Richmond and Pauline Fillmore, of Tishomingo, Okla., Rufus and Joan Walters, of Tonalea, Ariz., and Limon and Irene Yellowfish, of Anadarko, Okla.

She is very proud to be a Woodrow Wilson Wildcat who took part in JV and varsity soccer, varsity softball, and was a member of the 2010 Sweetheart Drill team. Outside of school and family, she is an Officer of Unity of Texas Council where she served as the Historian and a member of the Peanut Gallery (Student Artist Organization). Her hobbies are drawing, painting, watching scary movies, taking care of her cat, Meeko, and hanging out with her family.

Her future goals are to attend community college for two years for an associates degree, enlist into the U.S. Marines and then see where life takes her.

I would not have done this without my family's endless support and love. Thank you!

Military care packages

The Chickasaw Nation distributes military care packages to individuals stationed away from their permanent residences.

The military care package distribution list is made up of Chickasaws, spouses of Chickasaws, Chickasaw Nation employees, spouses of employees and children of employees on active duty and stationed away from their permanent residences.

If you know men or women who fit the criteria and would like to add them to the military care package list, **please contact Ms. Joy Barrick at (580) 310-6451 or joy.barrick@chickasaw.net.**

Thank you for your assistance and for supporting our troops!

Katy Lehenbauer

Katy Lehenbauer is a 2011 graduate of North Kansas City High School, North Kansas, Missouri. She is the daughter of Ranae and Jerry Lehenbauer. She is the granddaughter of Marjory and the late Henry B. Scoggin and the great-granddaughter of the late Lena Blossom McLish Scoggin, an original Chickasaw enrollee.

Katy graduated with the Gold Medallion Honors Diploma, carrying a 4.299 grade point average (GPA). She is a member of National Honor Society, Leadership Class, named to the Principal's Honor Roll for seven semesters, completed the North Kansas City A+ Program, and been a member of both the Governor's Honor Club and Chickasaw Honor Club. For three years, Katy has been a member of the Science Olympiad Team and took first place in the Missouri State Science Olympiad Competition in Anatomy and Physiology, 2010. She was named Freshman Chemistry Student of the Year, Bausch and Lomb Outstanding Science Student, and named a finalist for the American Society of Chemistry Student of the Year award. This spring, she competed in the U.S. Regional Chemistry Olympiad in April, 2011. She is a member of the USTA and played national, futures, and open tennis tournaments. She was active on girl's high school tennis team playing #1 singles and #1 doubles all four years and set the school record with 148 wins. She served as team captain her junior and senior year, was named Outstanding Freshman and Most Valuable Player for three years, received the Dedication Award for two years, and Champions of Character her senior year. She was named to the All Conference and All District #1 singles and #1 doubles team all four years. She participated in a medical mission trip last May to Honduras and the National Youth Leadership Forum in Medicine in Boston, Massachusetts.

Because of these two life changing experiences, she is going into medicine to become a doctor. She will attend William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri, where she will play tennis and majoring in chemistry with premed emphasis.

Adrienne Birge-Wilson

Adrienne Birge-Wilson is a 2011 graduate of Savannah College of Art and Design. She is the daughter of Dr. Linda Wilson and the late William Birge. She is the granddaughter of Naweta Wilson. She is the great-granddaughter of Alice Correll and the great-great-granddaughter of Mary Maytubby, original enrollee.

Adrienne graduated June 4, 2011 with a Master's in Fine Arts in historic preservation.

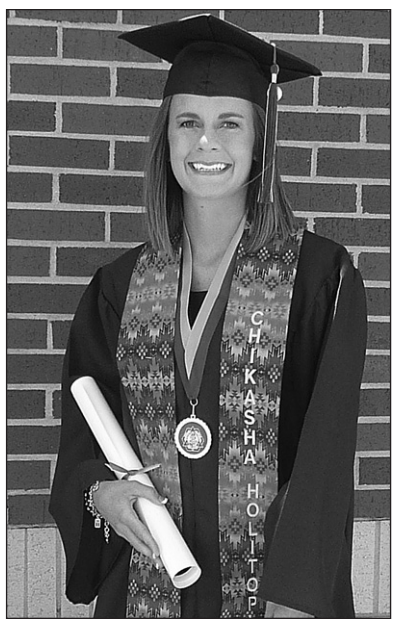
Kyle Lehenbauer

Kyle Lehenbauer is a 2011 graduate of William Jewell College. He is the son of Ranae Scoggin and Jerry Lehenbauer. He is the grandson of Marjory and the late Henry B. Scoggin. He is the great grandson of Lena Blossom McLish Scoggin, original Chickasaw enrollee.

Kyle graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's of arts degree in biochemistry and also ACT-In. He is a member of the Phi Epsilon Honor Society, Beta Beta Beta Biology Honor Society, Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, Motar Board, the American Chemical Society, Jewell's Premed Program, and Kappa Alpha Order fraternity. He has received the Outstanding Senior Biochemistry student of the year, First-Year Chemistry Achievement Award, James R. Eaton Memorial Achievement Award, Frank H. Fristoe Achievement Award, and was a finalist in the William Jewell Faculty Senior Achievement Award. He is listed in *Who's Who in American Colleges* and has been on the Dean's Honor Roll for seven semesters. Kyle has played on the men's tennis team for four years, both singles and doubles. He has been named NAIA Academic All-American for three years, WJC Cardinal Scholar Athlete for four years, International Tennis Association Academic All-American, and received the Jewell Sportsmanship Award for two years. Kyle has been the director of the First Year Orientation Program, officer of recruitment in Kappa Alpha Order, student senate representative, Pryor Leadership member, and completed the Outward Bound Leadership Course in the Florida Everglades. He has participated in two medical mission trips to Guatemala and Honduras, volunteers at the Kansas City Free Health Clinic, and job shadowed an Orthopedic Surgeon.

Next fall, Kyle will be attending the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine-Chicago. He plans to specialize in either orthopedic surgery or general surgery.

Kaitlin Nicole Rogers



Kaitlin Nicole Rogers is a 2011 graduate of Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Okla. She is the daughter of Tracy and Kim Rogers, Calera, Okla.

Kaitlin received her Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing at the commencement ceremony May 14, 2011 at Paul Laird Field. She is currently employed at the Bryan County District Attorney's Office in Durant, Okla., as the finance coordinator.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Chickasaw Nation for their support during my college career. It has contributed greatly to my current success as well as my future accomplishments.

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Focus on math, science, flight

Aviation and Space Academy students explore new heights

CNASA students received awards at CNASA graduation. From left, Logan Jarrett, Junior Super Top Gun; Zachary Postoak, Super Top Gun; Jackson Milner, Junior Super Top Gun; and Samantha Postoak, Top Gun.

The Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy took place June 13 - 17 at the new Chickasaw Nation Science, Technology and Math Building in Ada, Okla. CNASA provides an opportunity for Chickasaw students to explore the field of science, learn about aviation and make new friends.

"The staff and students were thrilled to be able to have CNASA at the new STM building; the new facility has enhanced the CNASA experience," said Lynne Chatfield, Office of Supportive Programs Director. "The students come to CNASA each year to learn about how far science has brought us and how it can be used to help them achieve their goals in the future."

The students worked together to assemble model airplanes, solar cars, weather stations and water bottle rockets throughout the week. They also took field trips to the Tulsa Riverside Airport, Oklahoma Aquarium and Chickasaw Cultural Center.

"My favorite part of CNASA was being able to fly in a plane at the airport; it felt like a roller coaster," said Sara Postoak, a student from Baytown, Texas. "I also like that CNASA gives me the chance to make new friends with people from all over the U.S."

CNASA attracts students from various states and provides scholarships for eligible students to attend. This year students from Texas, Colorado, New Mexico, Kentucky and Oklahoma attended the camp.

The week ended with the students launching their rockets and racing their solar cars. They were also shown recognition for their efforts throughout the week at the CNASA graduation, which took place at the McSwain Theatre.

The CNASA program was established in 2003 and takes place each June. The academy is open to Chickasaw students grades five through 12. For more information about CNASA, call (580) 421-7711 or visit www.Chickasaw.net.

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Annual National Night Out set for August 2

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation, the city of Ada, and East Central University have teamed up once again to host National Night Out (NNO) from 6:30- 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 2 on ECU's campus.

National Night Out is a nationwide crime and drug prevention event designed to heighten awareness and strengthen participation in local anticrime efforts, and to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.

"National Night Out promotes positive interaction among our youth and local law enforcement," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "It is also an opportunity to recognize and honor the service our tribal, state and local agencies provide to keep our community safe. We are pleased to be a part of this special night."

The local event gives people of the Ada community a chance to meet and interact with several law enforcement agencies, including Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police, Ada Police, and EMS crews. Local fire departments, search and rescue teams and other agencies also participate in the event.

Food, entertainment, educational and informative booths, and fun games for kids will highlight the evening. Guest musicians and special demonstrations are also on tap for the event.

All activities are free and open to the public.

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About National Night Out

National Night Out was introduced by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) in 1984 as a means of increasing participation in neighbor watch participation. Since its inception, the nationwide program has grown to reach 37 million people. Ada is one of over 15,000 communities around the nation and Canada, and on military bases expected to take part in the 2011 edition of the event. More than 800 local residents took part in last year's event.

For more information or to participate by providing an activity booth or demonstration, contact Chickasaw Nation Youth Services at (580) 310-6620.

Students build business skills at Entrepreneurship Camp

Entrepreneurship Academy students, from left, Samantha Brown, Robert Johnson and Corinne Maguire, promote their business at the Youth Market.

DURANT, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation and Southeastern Oklahoma State University collaborated for the annual Entrepreneurship Academy June 19-24 at the SOSU campus in Durant.

Chickasaw students from Illinois, Montana, Texas and Oklahoma participated in the academy. Students received college level instruction about business strategies and techniques. Subjects included basic business operation, team development, small business opportunities and marketing strategies for future business plans.

"Our goal is to educate young Chickasaws on the skills needed to start and operate a business," said Bill McCurdy, SOSU faculty member. "This program offers the students a hands-on entrepreneurial experience."

During the academy, students divided into teams and participated in a Youth Market. At the Youth Market, students created table top businesses and applied their business strategies to market and sell snack products.

"In past years their marketing plans were computer generated," Mr. McCurdy said. "This year, their marketing tools were handmade. The students have expressed a high level of creativity."

First time attendee Lance Epps, of Milo, Okla., enjoyed learning about the financial aspect of owning a business.

"I plan on opening a trailer company one day, and the academy has given me the tools to do that," Lance said.

The Entrepreneurship Academy is offered to students ages 15-19 with preference given to high school juniors and seniors who have a strong interest in business. For more information about the Entrepreneurship Academy, contact Callie Roebuck at (580) 421-7711 or visit www.chickasaw.net

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Over 50 young players

Beginner Tennis Camp has kids swingin', swattin', sweatin'

More than 50 Chickasaw youth and members of the Chickasaw Nation Boys and Girls Club, and nine coaches participated in the Chickasaw Nation Beginner Tennis Clinic, conducted June 13-16 at the Ada City Tennis Courts.

Mike McKee

Six-year-olds Cruiz Martinez, left, Jackson Swopes and Ethan Carter practice at Chickasaw Nation Beginner Tennis Camp.

ADA, Okla. - Several Chickasaw youth took a swing at the game of tennis during Chickasaw Nation Beginner Tennis Clinic, June 13-16 at the Ada Tennis Center.

Students spent four days learning the game of tennis or improving skills and techniques learned at last year's camp.

More than 50 beginning tennis players attended tennis clinic, marking the largest group ever for the annual Tennis Clinic. This year, several members of the Chickasaw Nation Boys and Girls Club also had the opportunity to attend camp, thanks to a federal grant.

Veteran tennis coaches and local student-athletes served as coaches at the clinic, including Joe Griese, Erica Poe, Kristine Club, Chase Sheffield, Terry Swopes, Matthew Robinson, Kevin Waller, Skip Griese and Andrea Gourley.

Coach Skip Greise, a 43-year tennis coaching veteran, said sportsmanship and integrity were two important factors stressed during tennis camp.

"This is a game without an official, so you have to teach honesty to the kids," he said.

First-time tennis clinic participant MaKayla Hughes, of Tishomingo, Okla., said she planned to practice her new tennis skills with her new tennis partner, her grandmother.

When asked if she liked tennis, she enthusiastically answered, "I love it!"

Returning tennis camper Jolie Morgan, of Ada, said she attended camp to "get better at tennis."

"I've been playing since last year with my dad and I am looking forward to improving my left hand and right hand swing and to gain more advanced skills," Jolie said.

Ten-year-old Jordan Willis, of Ada, raved about the coaches. "The teachers are really great!"

The clinic concluded with "play day" where campers hit tennis balls in an attempt to knock over items such as sports drinks, canisters of socks, tennis grips and hats. Any item knocked over by a camper was theirs to take home.

Intermediate and advanced tennis clinic was conducted June 27-30.

For more information about Chickasaw Nation Youth programs, log on to www.chickasaw.net.

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Jimmy Culp, Milburn, Okla., prepares to take a swing at tennis camp.

Environment Camp teaches kids lessons of nature's interactions

From left, Garrett Trett, 8, Sulphur, Okla. and Tyler Weems, 10, Stonewall, Okla., look at a piece of an old bee hive during the 2011 Chickasaw Nation Environment Camp.

A trip to the local waste water treatment plant, an interactive bee demonstration and visits to the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Okla. and Oklahoma City Zoo were some of the highlights of the 2011 Chickasaw Nation Environment Camp.

Hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing and Tribal Development May 24-27, the four-day camp allowed more than 30 students, ages 8-12, to learn about nature, ongoing conservation efforts and ways they can help protect the environment.

Camp participant Paris Gillum of Ada, Okla. said she "had fun" and "learned a lot" during the trip to the Ada Municipal Waste Water Treatment Plant.

"It was nasty, but it was cool," the 12-year-old said.

She also said at the camp she learned about recycling and other ways to help the environment, including "turning off the lights when I leave the room."

First time participant Calee Ragsdale said the camp inspired her to start recycling and growing vegetables and fruits at her own garden.

The students also visited the Travertine Nature Center at Chickasaw Nation Recreational Area in Sulphur as well as participated in a scavenger hunt, where they learned to use compass, measuring tapes and global positioning system (GPS) units to find treasures.

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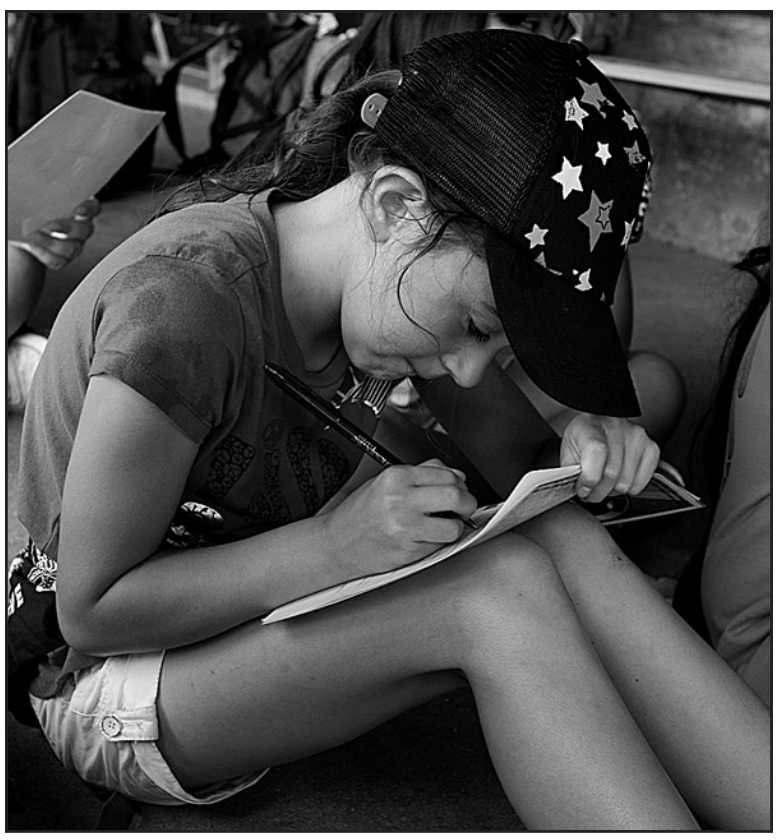
Colten Bird, 9, Vanoss, Okla., tries on a beekeeper's veil during the 2011 Chickasaw Nation Environment Camp.

Camp Survivor kids enjoy super outdoor experiences

Jason Morgan displays his archery skills at the Chickasaw Nation Camp Survivor Wednesday, June 1 at Camp Classen in Davis, Okla. Mike McKee



Timberly Hartman takes notes during a nutrition class at the Chickasaw Nation Camp Survivor Wednesday, June 1 at Camp Classen in Davis, Okla.

More than 100 children from Oklahoma and Texas participated in the annual Chickasaw Nation Camp Survivor May 31 – June 3 at Camp Classen in Davis, Okla.

The camp, which focuses on the overall development of youth, featured several activities like swimming, climbing wall, archery, stickball, fishing, canoeing and survivor challenge. The campers also learned how to properly read nutrition labels.

The abundance of fun activities is what made Jason Morgan come back this year, he said.

"I like playing with all the friends that I have made here and all the stuff we get to do together," the 11-year-old from Ada, Okla. said.

Among his favorite are swimming, archery and climbing wall, he said.

Despite the camp being challenging with several activities scheduled throughout the day, Jason encouraged other children to try it.

"If you try it I am sure you will like it," he said. "The attitude you bring is what you are going to get out of it."

First time camper Timberly Hartman said the camp has been one of the best experiences of her life.

"It was really fun. Everyone did a good job," the nine-year-old from Marietta, Okla. said. "I definitely want to come back next year."

The camp, sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation divisions of health and youth and family, promotes healthy lifestyle through proper nutrition and exercise in a fun and positive atmosphere. Teamwork and character building are also important aspects of the camp.

Participants, divided in ten teams, work together toward the goal of becoming the overall team champion. This year's champion was team Shobbokoli.

During the camp, staff members from various Chickasaw Nation departments serve as camp counselors and work with the youth to make a positive impact on their life.

The winners of this year's Favorite Male Counselor award was Clint Sutton. Favorite Female Counselor was Katherine Asbery.

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Asthmatic golfer hooked on sport

Chickasaws in Native American Jr. Open Golf Tourney

Spencer Upton, Sulphur, Okla., shows great form as he drives the ball at the Native American Jr. Open, conducted in Ardmore.

Fourteen-year-old Colton Crick, a Chickasaw from Moore, Okla., suffers from asthma, but loves sports.

He has tried a variety of sports – everything from football to track - but he had trouble keeping up with the team due to his medical condition.

Then, six months ago, his uncle introduced him to golf - and he was hooked.

"(Golf is) something he can play at his own pace, and he can play the rest of his life," Colton's dad, Rod Crick said.

Colton was one of 14 Native American golfers who participated in the annual Native American Jr. Open Golf Tournament, June 1 at Ardmore's Lakeview Golf Course.

Open to all Native American boys and girls ages 8-18, the event provides an opportunity for young golfers to compete in a tournament setting, without the pressures of a traditional tournament.

All the golfers were Chickasaw citizens with the exception of Gerald Walker, a Comanche golfer.

Leon Brown, of Union Valley, Okla., brought his grandson Dakota George for a repeat appearance at this year's tournament.

Spencer Upton, a 13-year-old from Sulphur, Okla., said he played the tournament to work on this golf game.

"I also get to spend time with my dad on the golf course," he said.

Other golfers hailed from communities throughout the Chickasaw Nation and towns in Oklahoma and Texas. The tournament followed a week of Chickasaw Nation Golf Camp, and many golfers, such as Hal Todd, from Wylie, Texas, extended their stay in the area to play in the tournament.

Native American Jr. Open Golf Tournament Results

11-13 year old Boys
First- Jerald Walker
Second- Logan Matthews
Third- Lane Martin

14-15 year-old Boys
First- Dakota Green
Second- Matthew Henry
Third- RJ Trainham

16-18 year-old Boys
First- Austin McNeill
Second- Hal Todd

16-18 year-old Girls
First- Katelyn Shipes

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Colton Crick, Moore, Okla., putts into the ninth hole at the Native American Jr. Open, conducted recently at Lakeview Golf Course in Ardmore, Okla. Mike McKee

Over 140 Chickasaw kids hit the WinStar links during Golf Camp

THACKERVILLE, Okla. – Putting the "fun" in fundamentals was the focus of the annual Chickasaw Nation Golf Camp, June 6-9 at WinStar Golf Course.

More than 140 Chickasaw youth enjoyed the opportunity to use the world-class WinStar Golf Course to learn the game of golf.

A total of 86 beginners, ages 8-14, learned about chipping, putting and driving Monday and Tuesday, June 6 and 7. Fifty advanced players honed their golf skills later in the week and ended camp with a golf scramble.

With the guidance of veteran coaches and members of the East Central University Golf Team, young players learned the game and gained confidence in their abilities.

Rebekah Dowling, of Ada, discovered even more. Stricken with multiple sclerosis at the age of 10, the high school student found a new therapy in the game of golf. Multiple sclerosis affects the ability of nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord to communicate with each other, so Rebekah had to work extra hard to play golf.

Max Elliott, Ada, reflects on his golf game at tribal Golf Camp, conducted at WinStar Golf Course last month.

Addie Burton, left, Brianna Snider, and Alissa White take a break on the WinStar green at Golf Camp.

"She has a great attitude and is very determined," said tribal golf camp coach Richard Norman, of Saginaw, Texas. Coach Norman patiently encouraged Rebekah along the way.

"I love my coach," Rebekah joked during a practice game.

Coach Norman has helped at Golf Camp for several years.

"I enjoy working with the kids every year," he said. "Beginning golfers are a lot of fun. It is neat helping them from the first time they pick up a club. It's also fun to work with the experienced golfers, giving them new tips and working with them."

A small player-to-coach ratio ensures each camper receives individual attention.

For more information about Chickasaw Nation Youth programs, visit www.chickasaw.net.

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Longtime Golf Camp Coach Richard Norman, left, gives R.J. Trainham advice on how to improve his drive at Golf Camp. Mike McKee

Young Chickasaw golfers line up to practice putting at Golf Camp.

Moms, Dads pull caddy duty for young golfers

ARDMORE, Okla. – Several young Chickasaw golfers, their parents, grandparents and guardians made a repeat appearance during the third annual Kid Play/ Parent Caddie Golf Tournament, May 21 at Lakeview Golf Course in Ardmore.

Six-year-old Owen West, of Dickson, Okla., played the tournament for the first time with her grandfather Jim Parker.

Playing the links with a pink golf ball, Owen said she first learned to play golf with Snoopy clubs.

Her favorite part of the day, she said, was spending time with her grandfather.

Owen played with Stormy Randazzo, an 11-year-old who loves golf and has participated in the Kid Play/Parent Caddie Golf Tournament the last two years.

Delaney Daniel, 14, was accompanied by her sister, dad and mom on the course. Dad served as caddy.

Katie Bolin, 13, of Dickson, said her parents' presence and support at the event helped her play a better game.

R.J. Trainham, of Holliday, Texas was also flanked by several family members during the tournament, including his grandparents who came from Wichita Falls, Texas to support him.

R.J. said he enjoyed golf because of the slow pace and "laid back" atmosphere.

Logan Matthews, Ada, was supported by his dad, Mark, and his mom, Heather.

"He loves golf, he takes any opportunity to play," said Ms. Matthews.

Logan, 11, dreams of making the Professional Golfers Association circuit one day.

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Logan Matthews, of Ada, Okla., lines up a putt at the Kid Play/Parent Caddie Golf Tournament conducted May 21 in Ardmore. Logan is an avid Chickasaw golfer who participates in many tribal golf events. Mike McKee

May 2011 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients

Dakoda Ryans

Dakoda, son of Anthony and Stormy Duffle, of Alex, Okla., is a May 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.

Dakoda Ryans

Dakoda is in the sixth grade at Lindsay Middle School and was nominated by Principal Bob Ashley.

"Dakoda represents himself, his home, the Chickasaw Nation and Lindsay Middle School in a very favorable manner in his day to day activities," said Mr. Ashley. "His attitude and determination shows his commitment to education and his tenacity to never give up."

Dakoda enjoys playing football, riding horses and in the spring months he participates in track and field events. Dakoda plays the trumpet for the Lindsey Middle School band.

"My future plans are to play as much football as possible and finish school," said Dakoda.

Polly Anderson

Polly, daughter of Dr. John and Tewanna Edwards, of Shawnee, Okla., is a May 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Indian Education.

Polly Anderson

Polly is in the third grade at Will Rogers Elementary School and was nominated by Indian education advisor Linda Montgomery.

"Polly won first place in the Indian Art Show," said Ms. Montgomery. "She is an active student in the Indian education program."

Polly excels in physical education and has maintained a high grade point average throughout the 2010-2011 year. Her interests include playing the Indian flute and singing.

Polly has danced for the Red Earth media promotion in Oklahoma City and also at the student pow wow for her Indian Education Program.

"I plan to go to college and work," said Polly.

Jaclyn Darnell

Jaclyn, daughter of David and Amy Darnell, of Bristow, Okla., is a May 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.

Jaclyn Darnell

Jaclyn is in the sixth grade at Bristow Middle School and was nominated by sixth grade teacher Christy Watt.

"Jaclyn is a kind, conscientious student who always performs to the best of her ability," said Ms. Watt. "Jaclyn is an outstanding example of an ideal student and consistently scores at the top of her class."

Jaclyn's hobbies include singing and reading. In school, she is active in choir, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Pep Club. Jaclyn is on the Superintendent's Honor Roll has been the Student of the Month.

"My lifelong dream is to become a veterinarian," said Jaclyn. "I know this will take a lot of studying, but I am up to the challenge."

Elijah Buckout

Elijah, son of Sean and Jurita Buckout, of Corvallis, Okla., is a May 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Art.

Elijah Buckout

Elijah is in a fourth grade homeschooled program. He was nominated by Church Deacon John Litson.

"I feel that Elijah has natural talents and artistic gifts," said Mr. Litson. "It is my hope that he continues to cultivate his gifts."

Elijah's hobbies include drawing, reading, playing with friends and LEGOS. Elijah likes playing in his fort, hiking and football with his dad.

"When I grow up, I want to be a bestselling author and illustrator," said Elijah. "I plan to live in a house surrounded by trees in the forest."

Tyler Rodgers

Tyler, son of Preston and Debbie Rodgers, of Ada, Okla., is a May 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.

Tyler Rodgers

Tyler is in the seventh grade at Latta Junior High School and was nominated by social studies teacher Ed Collins.

"Tyler has really improved in geography this semester," said Mr. Collins. "He is a polite student with a great future."

Tyler enjoys football and basketball. Tyler's favorite subjects in school are history and geography. He enjoys reading and learning.

"I have always wanted to be a soldier and become a Marine officer," said Tyler. "I also plan on attending college."

Bryce Horton

Bryce, son of Johnny and Tina Horton, of Ada, Okla., is a May 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Citizenship.

Bryce Horton

Bryce is in the second grade at Latta Elementary School and was nominated by resource teacher Tisha Martin.

"Bryce is a very sweet and polite young man who works hard in his classes," said Ms. Martin. "Bryce always has a compliment when he walks in the room and a big smile."

Bryce enjoys surfing the web, playing video games, camping, hiking and swimming.

Bryce's favorite school subject is science. For the 2010-2011 school year, Bryce was a member of the Chickasaw Honor Club.

"I want to grow up and become a biologist so I can stop animal extinction," said Bryce.

George Mobley

George, son of Gordon and Shirley Mobley, of Belton, Texas, is a May 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.

George Mobley

George is a junior at Belton High School and was nominated by physics teacher Stephen Jewl.

"George currently ranks 75 of 568 in his class at Belton High School," said Mr. Jewl. "He has been a reoccurring recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club, with a high cumulative grade point average."

George was a member of LEGO Robotics for five years. He plays piano and has been a member of the choir for the University of Mary Harden-Baylor in Belton, Texas.

George spent the summer of 2010 backpacking 80 miles in New Mexico at the Philmont Scout Ranch. This hike will help him recieve his Boy Scouts of America rank of Eagle Scout.

"I would like to attend Florida College," said George. "My future plans are to continue my education in computer technology, math and science."

Brian Doughty Jr.

Brian, son of Brain and Amber Doughty, of Cement, Okla., is a May 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.

Brian Doughty, Jr.

Brian is in the fourth grade at Cement Elementary School and was nominated by Elementary Principal Barbara Stroud.

"Brian was selected for Student of the Year in his fourth grade class," said Ms. Stroud. "He was on the Superintendent's Honor Roll and reads at a ninth grade level."

Brian's hobbies include reading, fishing and playing basketball. Brian enjoys his science and reading classes at school.

"My future plans include becoming a machinist like my dad and going to college," said Brian.

Nathaniel Daniel

Nathaniel, son of John and Cindy Daniel, of Coalgate, Okla., is a May 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.

Nathaniel Daniel

Nathaniel is in the sixth grade at Cottonwood Elementary School and was nominated by reading teacher Tammy Daniel.

"Nathaniel is an avid reader," said Ms. Cooper. "This year he set a school record for the accelerated reader program with 930 points."

Nathaniel's interests include hunting, fishing, baseball, basketball, archery and reading. Nathaniel placed second in a regional archery competition and competed at the state level.

"My future plans are to go to college," said Nathaniel.

Richard Johnson

Richard, son of Richard and Cheryl Johnson, of Konawa, Okla., is a May 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Chickasaw Language.

Richard Johnson

Richard is a senior at Byng High School and was nominated by Indian education coordinator Stephanie Delfrate.

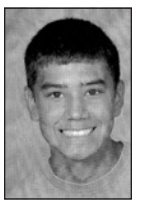
"Richard is in the Chickasaw language class and takes part in cultural activities within the school," said Ms. Delfrate. "While attending school he holds a part-time job, maintains a 3.55 grade point average and is a fine young man who works hard."

Richard likes football, working out and listening to music. He has been a member of the Chickasaw Honor Club for several years and studied Chickasaw language for two years.

"After graduation I hope to attend University of Michigan," Richard said.

Bradley Stick

Bradley, son of Rodney and Tammi Stick, of Ada, Okla., is a May 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Chickasaw Language.


Bradley Stick

Bradley is a sophomore at Byng High School and was nominated by Indian education coordinator Stephanie Delfrate.

"Bradley is very serious about his education," said Ms. Delfrate. "Bradley is the type of young man that makes us proud."

Bradley is a member of the Native Voices Club and has enrolled in the Chickasaw language class for the second year. He placed second in the spoken language at the 2011 Native American Youth Language Fair. Bradley also received the Byng Johnson O'Molley Outstanding Student Award.

Bradley's hobbies include working in the garden, volleyball, and spending time with family and friends.

"My future plans include going to college," said Bradley.

Brent Tolbert

Brent, son of Don and Pam Tolbert, of Mckinney, Texas,

Metal Mayhem collects more than 135 teddy bears for charity

The Chickasaw Nation robotics team, Metal Mayhem, recently spent time collecting bears for the Kelsey Briggs Chapter of Hugs Across America. Metal Mayhem chooses a local charity to contribute to each year.

Hugs Across America, which was founded after the 9/11 tragedy, donates teddy bears to children living in crisis. The Kelsey Briggs Chapter focuses on providing teddy bears to children who have suffered from abuse or neglect.

"We chose the Kelsey Briggs Chapter of Hugs Across America this year because we wanted to help bring awareness to child abuse and show the victims of child abuse that there are people who care about them," said science, technology and math program manager Sara Willie. "We want the teddy bears to bring the victims comfort and hope."

The Kelsey Briggs Chapter was established in 2007 and is the first chapter in the state of Oklahoma. The chapter is named for the toddler who died as a result of child abuse. In addition to donating teddy bears, the chapter also provides information regarding child abuse awareness and prevention. To learn more about the Kelsey Briggs Chapter, visit www.brokenchild.org.

For more information about the Metal Mayhem team, contact Sara Willie at sara.willie@Chickasaw.net or (580) 421-7711.

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Metal Mayhem team members with the teddy bear collection donated to the Kelsey Briggs Chapter of Hugs Across America. Front row from left, John-Luke Garber, Kaylen Donelson, Malachi Brown, Kagan St. Clair-Shelton, Shane Sellers and Joseph Zertuche. Back row from left, Kelsey Briggs Chapter Co-Leader Loretha Sweetin and science, technology and math program manager Sara Willie.

Chickasaw university students awarded degrees

The Chickasaw Nation Higher Education Department congratulates our May 2011 college graduates.

The graduates are Teena Bailey, Bachelor of Science, Medical College of Georgia; Cody Bentley, Associate of Science, Park University; Lupe Carrillo, Bachelor of Science, University of Houston; Emily Chalkley, Bachelor of Arts, New York University; Emily Cole, Bachelor of Science, Oklahoma State University.

Trey Cole, Bachelor of Engineering, Oklahoma State University; Briana Dorrenbacher, Master of Social Work, Arizona State University; Nicholas Drannon, Bachelor of Science, University of Oklahoma; Kelsey Dysart, Bachelor of Science, Cal State University; Karen Ellis, Associate of Arts, Gloucester County College.

Sharlee Knighten, Bachelor of Science, East Central University; Ashley Lewis, Bachelor of Science, University of Oklahoma; Courtney Mason, Bachelor of Science, University of Central Oklahoma; Erica Minor, Bachelor of Arts, East Central University; Merry Monroe, Bachelor of Arts, East Central University.

Sara Murzynsky, Bachelor of Science, Drury University; Piper Norvell, Bachelor of Science, University of Oklahoma; Houston Nutt III, Bachelor of Science, University of Mississippi; Prebble Ramswell, Master of Liberal Arts, Texas Christian University; Ashley Durbin, Master of Social Work, East Tennessee State.

Mary Kathleen McCarthy, Bachelor of Arts, Randolph Macon College; Deborah Lynn Stephens, Bachelor of Business Administration, University of New Mexico; Hanna Nutt, Bachelor of Science, University of North Texas; and Seth Yates, Master of Business, Seattle University.

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Professional Opportunities with the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health

Due to the expansion at the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada, Oklahoma, the Division of Health has professional openings at the hospital in the following specialties:

- Outpatient Internal Medicine Physician
- Family Practice Physician
- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Physician Assistant

For details on any of these professional positions, please contact:

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MAY 2011 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

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is a May 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Overall Achievement.

Brent is a senior at McKinney High School and was nominated by mathematics teacher Theresa Horvath.

Brent Tolbert

"Brent is never satisfied with average and is always working harder to improve his scores," said Ms. Horvath. "Brent is polite, well-mannered, intelligent and is the type of student a teacher wishes for in class."

Brent is a member of the National Honor Society and has received the Rotary Club Excellence Award for four years. His high school accomplishments include being in the top 10 percent of his graduating class. Brent's hobbies include playing football, baseball, disc golf and camping.

"My future goals are to graduate from the University of Oklahoma with an engineering degree," said Brent. "I want to be successful at my job, serve my community and make a positive impact on the people I meet."

Daryn Allison

Daryn, daughter of Heath and Tracy Allison, of Ada, Okla., is a May 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Citizenship.

Daryn Allison

Daryn is in the third grade at Francis Elementary School and was nominated by Indian education coordinator Stephanie Delfrate.

"Daryn takes part in activities when possible and is a member of several clubs, including the Byng Elementary Native Voices Club," said Ms. Delfrate. "Daryn is always willing to help when help is needed and gets along with others."

Daryn enjoys dance and attends dance classes in Ada, Okla. Her favorite styles of dance include tap, jazz, ballet and hip hop.

"When I grow up, I want to be a dancer in a Broadway show and travel all over the world," said Daryn.

Miranda Wright

Miranda, of Norman, Okla., is a May 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Dance.

Miranda is a junior at Norman High School and was nominated by dance instructor Candace Dragg.

Miranda Wright

"Miranda has been an exemplary student and good friend to her fellow peers," Ms. Dragg said. "She loves dance, strives to get better and is open to suggestions to better herself within her craft."

Miranda enjoys the modern and jazz styles of dance the best.

"My love and happiness comes from dance. I hope one day it will become a much loved vocation for me," said Miranda.

Bethany Chaffin

Bethany, daughter of Rich and Gina Chaffin, of Elk Grove, Calif., is a May 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.

Bethany is a sophomore at Stanford Online High School and was nominated by Standford Math Circle Director Dr. Dara Paquin.

Bethany Chaffin

"Bethany has developed as a mathematician and displays a level of maturity and rigor that is not common for students of her age," said Dr. Paquin.

Bethany enjoys art, photography and the youth group at her church.

"I plan on going to college and continuing my studies in mathematics," said Bethany.

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CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS and EVENTS

For a complete listing of Chickasaw Nation camps, academies and other events visit www.chickasaw.net

OKLAHOMA
ACHILLE
Achille Area Chickasaws
Quarterly, last Saturday at 1:30 p.m.
Kay Anders, 580-283-3979

CONNERVILLE
Connerville Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-Monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Tony Poe, 580-421-4994

KINGSTON
Chickasaws of Texoma
Quarterly, 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Ruth McAdoo, 580-564-6803

Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly, 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Sarah Lea, 580-564-4570

KULLIHOMA
Stomp Dance
July 15 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Leah Mull, (580) 332-8685

NEWCASTLE
Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council
Monthly, 2nd Thursday
Potluck at 6 p.m. and Meeting at 7 p.m.
Todd Griffith, 405-615-1303

OKLAHOMA CITY
OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council
1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Billy Hester, 405-340-5469

PURCELL
Purcell Chickasaw Community Council
4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
John Hobbs, 405-922-3926

TISHOMINGO
Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Ann Fink, 580-371-3351

Native American Film Series
July 8, 22, 29 and August 5 from 1-3 p.m.
Council House Museum, (580) 371-3351

ARIZONA
Chickasaws of Arizona
Quarterly Meetings
Angie Ott, 480-834-7309

CALIFORNIA
Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly, 3rd Saturday 2:00 p.m.
Bill Chandler, 714-604-5224 or wchandler@socal.rr.com

Northern California Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Quarterly
Phil Reynolds, 916-988-8182

COLORADO
Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado
Quarterly, 2nd Saturday
Stephen Bingham, 303-377-4637

KANSAS
Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita
Quarterly, 3rd Sunday at 2:30 p.m.
Lynn Stumblingbear, 316-393-0696

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Monroe Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

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St. Louis Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Quarterly
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

NEW ENGLAND
New England Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

NEW MEXICO
New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly , 3rd Saturday
Chris Rodke, 505-450-4802

NORTH CAROLINA
Raleigh Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

OREGON/WASHINGTON
Pacific Northwest Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Kim Factor, 503-819-3097 or Rena Smith, 503-543-7401

TEXAS
Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas
2nd Sunday at 1:30 p.m.
Gene Thompson, 512-258-7919 or 512-517-4404

Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas
Monthly, 2nd Sunday at 2 p.m.
Mark Fields, 210-269-2619

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Saturday
John C. Atkins, 972-271-0692

Tyler Area Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Howard Thompson, 903-570-9244

Texarkana Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Quarterly
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

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August events celebrate Child Support Awareness Month

Mark your calendars to join the Chickasaw Nation Department of Child Support Services during the month of August to celebrate Child Support Awareness month.

"The Chickasaw Nation strives to provide the best opportunities for children and families," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "By taking part in Child Support Awareness month, we can continue to keep children and families our top priority."

Bring your friends and family to celebrate during the following events:

• **August 1**

10 a.m. - Kick-off and Balloon Launch Chickasaw Nation Youth and Family back parking lot - 231 Seabrook Road, Ada

•**August 20**

9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Family Fun Day Wintersmith Park, Ada

Child Support Awareness month is nationally recognized each year during the month of August to focus on the importance of providing financial support for children. Child Support Awareness month recognizes child support professionals and parents who are committed to making a difference in the lives of children emotionally and financially.

In an effort to create awareness in the Ada area, the Chickasaw Nation Department of Child Support Services is conducting its annual tribal child support awareness campaign known as "I Love My Child."

Each year millions of children nationwide are affected financially due to parental separations. To help combat those statistics, the Chickasaw Nation Department of Child Support Services is cracking down on unfulfilled child support obligations by assisting families in the state of Oklahoma.

For more information about Child Support Awareness month or assistance in child support services, call (866) 431-3419 or visit www.chickasaw.net.

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Tribal Search and Rescue team assists area storm victims

NORMAN, Okla. - May 24 stands out among 2011's devastating tornado season in Oklahoma. By May 25, the Chickasaw Nation's Search and Rescue team was on location, assisting the American Red Cross Norman Chapter with disaster relief.

The team assisted in the Dibble, Newcastle, Washington and Blanchard areas by distributing supplies such as rakes, tarps, masks, food and drink to those without power or water.

"Our team was willing to do whatever it took to step in and help those families in need," said Search and Rescue coordinator Kelly Logan.

The tribal Search and Rescue team also helped transport and distribute meals to various shelters, fielding phone calls of victims, volunteers and donations, organizing administrative tasks and warehouse supplies as well as conducting residential damage assessments.

Logan said the team gained valuable experience both individually and as a team while helping with relief efforts.

"Each member listened to victims tell their stories and recount the moments before their lives changed on that particular day," she said. "It really humbled them and made them appreciate their own lives."

Justin Jolley, who had been a part of the Search and Rescue team for only eight months at the time, agreed that the experience made him stop and think.

"I'd watch people dig through what used to be their home just to find a knife here or a fork there," he said. "It made me extremely grateful for everything I have."

Jolley said the experience confirmed that being a member of the Chickasaw Nation Search and Rescue team was right for him.

"It made me feel really good about my decision to dedicate my time and efforts to the team," he said.

The search and rescue team participate in a variety of activities, working with many law enforcement and other agencies locally and nationwide.

The Chickasaw Nation Search and Rescue team have been involved in several rescue efforts nationwide including in the aftermath of the tornado that struck Lone Grove, Okla., in 2009.

In 2005, the team traveled to New Orleans just four days after the city was devastated by Hurricane Katrina. The team worked among the chaos and devastation and accounted for 67 live rescues there.

Those interested in information about disaster readiness, including tornadoes, can contact the Chickasaw Nation Search and Rescue Department at (580) 436-2603.

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August marks WIC Breastfeeding Week

The Chickasaw Nation Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC) is celebrating the World Breastfeeding Week in August during the program's Mommy Milk Group sessions.

Celebrated Aug. 1-7 in 120 countries around the world, this year's theme for the breastfeeding week is "Talk to Me," which challenges breastfeeding supporters to communicate closely and effectively with new nursing mothers.

The Mommy Milk Group sessions conducted monthly at local WIC offices are an opportunity for mothers to share with each other the joys, challenges and triumphs of breastfeeding. Throughout August, breastfeeding mothers will receive free custom-designed t-shirts at the sessions. Also, pictures of mothers and their babies will be taken and will be available for them to take home.

The Chickasaw Nation WIC program supports breastfeeding by providing clients with registered lactation consultants, registered dietitians, specially trained breastfeeding peer counselors and prenatal breastfeeding classes as well as a 24 hours breastfeeding warm-line 1-888-439-8970.

Enhanced food packages are offered to breastfeeding women and peer counselors are available to assist them in having a successful breastfeeding experience. Electric breast pumps are also available for use by WIC participants in any of the Chickasaw Nation WIC Clinics located in Ada, Ardmore, Tishomingo, Sulphur, Pauls Valley, Purcell, Duncan and the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada.

Research has shown that expectant mothers surrounded by encouragement to breastfeed, initiate breastfeeding more often and continue breastfeeding longer than those who receive no infant feeding information.

For more information, please call Jamie Lee, breastfeeding peer counselor coordinator at (580) 656-6981.

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Chickasaw Nation WIC program seeks comments

The Chickasaw Nation is soliciting comments from individuals regarding the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). Input is needed for development of the state plan of operation for the 2012 fiscal year. These comments must be received by August 10, 2011.

WIC is a federally-funded nutrition, education and supplemental food program for pregnant and breastfeeding women, as well as infants and children up to age five, who are determined to be at nutritional risk and whose income falls below 185 percent of the poverty level. The Chickasaw Nation WIC program currently serves approximately 3900 women, infants and children throughout the 13-county area.

Comments regarding the WIC program may be mailed to Melinda Newport, RD/LD, Nutrition Services Director, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821, or phone (580) 436-7255 or toll free (888) 436-7255.

For more information about receiving WIC program services, call (580) 436-7255 or Debi Tipton at (580) 310-6420. In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

Chickasaw Nation Get Fresh! program announces classes

Ada Nutrition Services, 518 E. Arlington
July 12: 10 a.m. and noon
July 14: 10 a.m. and noon
July 19: 10 a.m. and noon
July 21: 10 a.m. and noon
Aug. 2: 10 a.m. and noon
Aug. 4: 10 a.m. and noon
Aug. 9: 10 a.m. and noon
Aug. 11: 10 a.m. and noon
For more information, call (580) 272-5506.

Ada Family Life/Wellness Center, 229 W. Seabrook
July 6: 10 a.m. and noon
July 13: 10 a.m. and noon
July 20: 10 a.m. and noon
July 21: 6 p.m.
Aug. 3: 10 a.m. and noon
Aug. 10: 10 a.m. and noon
Aug. 11: 6 p.m.
Aug. 17: 10 a.m. and noon
For more information, call (580) 272-5506.

Ardmore Nutrition Services, 2350 Chickasaw Blvd.
July 12: 10 a.m. and noon
July 13: 10 a.m. and noon
July 19: 10 a.m. and noon
July 20: 10 a.m. and noon
Aug. 2: 10 a.m. and noon
Aug. 3: 10 a.m. and noon
Aug. 9: 10 a.m. and noon
Aug. 10: 10 a.m. and noon
For more information, call (580) 226-8289.

Purcell Nutrition Services, 1530 Hardcastle Blvd.
July 12: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.
July 14; 10 a.m. and noon
July 19: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.
July 21: 10 a.m. and noon
Aug. 2: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.
Aug. 4: 10 a.m. and noon
Aug. 9: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.
Aug. 11: 10 a.m. and noon
For more information, call (405) 527-6967.

These exciting cooking shows are free and open to the public and demonstrate healthy cooking for the entire family. Leave with recipes, nutrition education and new ideas to cook healthier every day. Classes offered on each day feature the same recipes during the times of availability. All of the Get Fresh! recipes are based on the daily nutritional needs listed on MyPyramid.gov.

Episodes of nearly 40 popular Get Fresh! cooking classes are also available on www.chickasaw.tv, a high-definition online video network focusing on the Chickasaw people, history, traditions, art, culture and services.

Health At-Large case manager will assist

Are you a Chickasaw citizen living outside the tribal boundaries? Would you like more information on division of health programs and services available to you?

If so, call Amy Wampler, Services At-Large Case Manager, at 800-851-9136 ext. 61097.

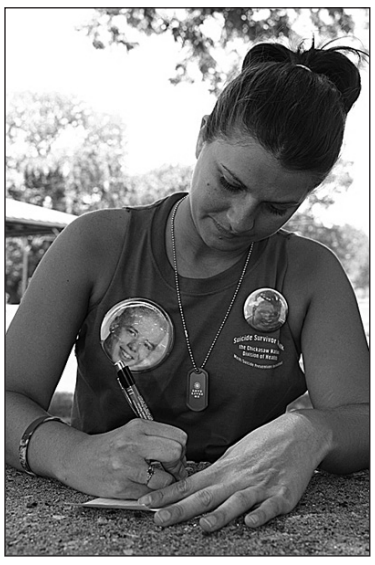
Elder case manager ready to help you

Are you a Chickasaw Elder age 60 or older? Do you live within the tribal boundaries?

If so, call Stefanie Luna, Elder Case Manager at 800-851-9136 ext. 80110 for personalized assistance navigating the Health System.

'Love Lives On' walk promotes awareness

Understanding suicide's signposts can avert devastating outcome



Angela John writes a note during the Chickasaw Nation Suicide Awareness Walk June 4, 2011.

Around 100 individuals gathered at Pennington Park in Tishomingo, Okla. in memory of loved ones who have died by suicide during the first ever Chickasaw Nation Suicide Awareness Walk Saturday, June 4, 2011.

Hosted by the tribal Division of Health Meth/Suicide Prevention Initiative and Behavioral Health Department in participation with the Tishomingo Chamber of Commerce, the "Love Lives On" walk strived to increase awareness about suicide as a public health issue as well as offer hope to the individuals and families affected by suicide.

Angela John, along with several of her family members, were at the event in remembrance of her cousin Robby Ritter, who was lost to suicide in January.

"Things like this give us a place to come together again as a family and recognize that it is about Robby," the Ardmore, Okla., resident said of the awareness walk. "Of course, we continue to always love him. It's a day just for him, just to remember him."

At the event, participants were encouraged to write notes to their lost loved ones, share personal stories as well as support each other during the process of healing.

"Suicide is not an easy death. A lot of times, there are not those tell-tale signs and that's what it makes harder," said Christie Byars, prevention specialist at the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health. "If it (the walk) just helps that one family, we have done our job."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that more than 34,000 people nationwide succumb to suicide every year. Also, suicide is the third leading cause of death among 15- to 24-year-olds and fifth leading cause of deaths among five- to 14-year-olds. More than 2,000 people attempt suicide each day.

According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, warning signs of suicide include:

· Talking about wanting to die.

· Looking for a way to kill oneself.

· Talking about feeling hopeless or having no purpose.

· Talking about feeling trapped or in unbearable pain.

· Talking about being a burden to others.

· Increasing the use of alcohol or drugs.

· Acting anxious, agitated or reckless.

· Sleeping too little or too much.

· Withdrawing or feeling isolated.

· Showing rage or talking about seeking revenge.

· Displaying extreme mood swings.

The more of these signs a person shows, the greater the risk. Warning signs are associated with suicide, but may not be what causes suicide.

Also, if someone you know exhibits warning signs of suicide:

Do not leave the person alone.

Remove any firearms, alcohol, drugs or sharp objects that could be used in suicide attempt.

Call the U.S. National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255).

Take the person to an emergency room or seek help from a medical or mental health professional.

Help is available

The free, 24-hour 1-800-273-TALK (8255) hotline is available to anyone in suicidal crisis or emotional distress. You may call the suicide prevention lifeline for yourself or for someone you care about. All calls are confidential. The call is routed to the nearest crisis center in a national network of more than 150 crisis centers.

The Lifeline's national network of local crisis centers, provide crisis counseling and mental health referrals day and night. For more information, visit www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org

An internationally recognized suicide prevention training program offered by the Chickasaw Nation provides practical training for those who want to learn how to prevent the immediate risk of suicide. Developed by Canada-based LivingWorks Education, Inc., the two-day interactive Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) involves role playing and group discussion to recognize and review risks of suicide as well as learn the ways to prevent it.

The free training, also a part of the Pontotoc County Drug Free Coalition, is offered once every other month and is open to public. Participation in both days is required.

The Chickasaw Nation also offers a two-hour class called suicideTALK that encourages participants to talk about suicide and find a part that they can play in preventing suicide.

To learn more or to register for ASIST or suicideTALK, contact the Chickasaw Nation Behavioral Health Department at (580) 421-4591.

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First Lady joins Native youth to plant 'three sisters' in White House garden

Washington, D.C. - Jefferson Keel, President of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), the country's oldest and largest American Indian and Alaska Native advocacy organization, joined with First Lady Michelle Obama on June 3 to celebrate the importance of healthy eating and active lifestyles for Native American youth.

Mrs. Obama, President Keel, and American Indian and Alaska Native children planted the "three sisters"- corns, beans, and squash- in the White House kitchen garden. The event comes one week after the launch of Let's Move! In Indian Country; a new initiative by the First Lady to reach Native young people.

"Supporting and reinvigorating our traditional ways of healthy living and eating is one of the most important things we can do to strengthen our Native American communities," Lt. Gov. Keel said after the event. "What the First Lady is doing is incredible. Let's Move! in Indian Country is reaching a generation of tribal youth and connecting them with a healthy, traditional path in life. As tribal leaders we are very supportive and grateful for her efforts."

"Last week we launched a new component of the program called Let's Move! in Indian Country," Mrs. Obama said, "And we're working specifically with young kids in the Native American community all across the country. This planting is a special way to highlight that new initiative. And this is the first time ever that we're going to do a three sisters planting here in the White House kitchen garden. And you all are going to be a part of making that happen."

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American Heart Association honor

Tribe recognized for its 'fit-friendly' work environment

ADA, Okla. – The Chickasaw Nation was recently recognized as a Platinum-Level Start! Fit-Friendly Company by the American Heart Association's Start! initiative for promoting overall health and wellness among tribal employees.

"We are extremely honored by this recognition, Gov. Bill Anoatubby said.

"Chickasaw Nation employees work together to further the tribe's mission of enhancing the overall quality of life of Chickasaw people. As their work impacts their coworkers, Chickasaw citizens and the wider community, tribal employees are encouraged to strive to achieve their full potential in several areas including health and wellness."

According to the American Heart Association, Platinum-level employers:

· Offer employees physical activity options in the workplace

· Increase healthy eating options at the worksite

· Promote a wellness culture in the workplace

· Implement at least nine criteria outlined by the American Heart Association in the areas of physical activity, nutrition and culture

· Demonstrate measurable outcomes related to workplace wellness

The tribe provides support, encouragement and several opportunities for the employees to adopt lifestyle choices that will result in a healthier future.

A significant way in which tribal employees are encouraged to exercise and eat healthy is through the annual Chickasaw Nation Employee Incentive Program. Initiated in 2004, the EIP emphasizes and rewards employees' achievements in wellness, community service, volunteerism and individual educational development, which in turn supports the growth of the Chickasaw Nation.

The wellness aspect of the program is designed to encourage employees to set goals for personal health, wellness and nutrition improvements and provide monetary rewards for reaching those goals. Some of the wellness goals include personal nutrition planning with a registered dietitian, weight loss, increased physical activity, tobacco cessation, diabetes prevention, breastfeeding and many more. In addition, the Chickasaw Nation offers several informative and interactive nutrition and wellness classes to tribal employees throughout the year.

Tribal employees are further motivated to stay active and exercise regularly at the Chickasaw Nation Wellness Centers in Ada, Ardmore and Tishomingo, Okla. These centers are free to all tribal employees and feature a walking track, weight room, training kitchen, as well as aerobic and martial arts exercise areas. The centers provide education, mentoring, monitoring, incentives and access to activities to promote exercise, nutrition and overall improved health.

"We are so excited to have the Chickasaw Nation as a Fit-Friendly Company because this achievement shows their commitment to heart health," said Debbie Hite, executive director of American Heart Association in Oklahoma City. "Unfortunately, many employees sit in their cubicles all day, and this contributes to a sedentary lifestyle, obesity, heart disease and a generally unhappy workforce. The Chickasaw Nation will definitely see results in their employees' productivity and health because of this initiative."

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About Start! Fit-Friendly

The Start! Fit-Friendly Companies Program is a catalyst for positive change in the American workforce by helping companies make their employees' health and wellness a priority. Participating companies also get free access to program resources such as the free Start! Walking Program, materials to help promote company wellness programs to employees, internal newsletter templates and consultation on CPR/AED (automated external defibrillator) programs. Start! also offers MyStart! Online, a free Web-based fitness and nutrition tracker for companies and individuals. A "dashboard" feature lets human resources or wellness managers view employee participation in Start! For more, please call (405) 942-2444 or visit www.startwalkingnow.org.

About the American Heart Association

The American Heart Association is devoted to saving people from heart disease and stroke – America's number one and number three killers. The organization teams with millions of volunteers to fund innovative research, fight for stronger public health policies, and provide lifesaving tools and information to prevent and treat these diseases. The Dallas-based association is the nation's oldest and largest voluntary organization dedicated to fighting heart disease and stroke. To learn more or join, call 1-800-AHA-USA1 or visit www.heart.org.

Felicia Morales named Student of the Year

Felicia Morales

Ms. Felicia Morales, a recent graduate of Ryan High school, has been an active participant in the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound program for over three years and attended every summer session.

She was a member of her high school basketball team and helped the team win a state championship. She will attend Midwestern College in Wichita Falls, Texas, majoring in nursing.

Felicia was the recipient of the 2009 CFUB Citizenship Award. She helps with community food drives and feels it is important to give back to the community.

She enjoys attending cultural events and is eager to learn about her Latino heritage.

Isis Hilton is Foundation Student of the Month

Isis Hilton

Ms. Isis Hilton has been selected May 2011 Student of the Month. She will be a senior at Marietta High School and has been a member of Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound for two years.

Isis has participated in many volunteer activities while attending CFUB. She teaches swim lessons, volunteers to deliver senior citizen meals and participates in Can for Africa.

She is involved in the Family, Career, Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and National Honor Society. An avid pianist, Isis competes at the district level and has received a superior rating.

Her future plans are to attend Southwestern Oklahoma State University to pursue her dream of becoming a pharmacist.

Nick Hardy receives Citizenship Award

Nicholas Hardy

Congratulations to Mr. Nicholas Hardy for being selected 2011 Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound (CFUB) Citizenship Award. He is a junior at Milburn High School and the son of Ms. Rebecca Hardy.

Nick is a fun loving, polite guy who never meets a stranger. He has a positive attitude and goes above and beyond to help others in need. Nick always has a smile on his face and is willing to volunteer his time to talk with everyone in the program. He is an outstanding student at his school and in his community.

Nick has accomplished many goals since he first came into the program. He was a shy guy who was very quiet and not a risk taker. Now he gets involved in many activities and encourages others. He has become an outgoing, enthusiastic student who will try new things and encourages others to do so as well.

We are pleased to have Nick Hardy as a participant in our program.

Foundation's 9th Annual Scholarship Reception set for August 2

The Chickasaw Foundation will be hosting its 9th annual scholarship reception on August 2 at the McSwain Theater, 130 West Main in Ada, Okla., beginning at 6 p.m. Scholarship awards will be presented to recipients along with a Power Point presentation and refreshments.

You may RSVP by contacting the Chickasaw Foundation at chickasawfoundation@chickasaw.net or by calling (580) 421-9030.

Tom Ashcraft

Tom Ashcraft, 64, died May 6, 2011 at Cadiz, Ky. Services were conducted by the Honor Guard from Ft. Campbell Kentucky with Rev. Monty Flanagan officiating. He was buried at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery.

He was born Aug. 16, 1946 at Durant, Okla.

Mr. Ashcraft was a U.S. Marine and served in the Vietnam War. He retired after 20 years of service and also retired from civil service. He was a member of the Elks Lodge.

He was proud of his country and of his Indian heritage. His great-grandmother was an original enrollee and he was a descendent of Levi Colbert.

Mr. Ashcraft was of the Baptist faith.

He was preceded in death by his father, Leo Ashcraft; and an infant brother.

He is survived by his wife, Susann; his mother, Marie Ashcraft, of Ridgecrest, Calif.; daughters, Dawn Moss, of Oregon and Angela Fletcher, of California; a son, Scot Fletcher, of Cadiz, Ky.; two sisters, Sue Feltus, of Utah and Theresa Shirk, of Colorado; and five grandchildren.

Ralph Gordon Colbert

Ralph Gordon Colbert died June 13, 2011. Services were June 25 at St. Cross Episcopal Church, Hermosa Beach, Calif.

He was born March 2, 1925 at Muskogee, Okla., to Oscar Colbert (Chickasaw enrollee) and Orva Robinson. His grandparents were James "Brushy Jim" Colbert (Chickasaw enrollee) and Katinka Countess de Rudczinski. His great grandparents were James Isacc Colbert (Chickasaw) and Susan James (Choctaw).His great-great-great-grandfather was James Logan Colbert.

He was proud of his Chickasaw heritage and shared this pride with his children and grandchildren.

Mr. Colbert spent his childhood and early teen years in Oklahoma and Little Rock, Ark., before moving to California at the age of 14. He graduated from Whittier High School (CA) in 1942, having worked summers as a road surveyor in Henderson, Nevada. He joined the military and served his country as a pilot in the U.S. Army Air Force in World War II. He then served in the U.S. Air Force reserves until 1953.

In 1946, he married Barbara Hungerford.

He attended UCLA and California Aero College, graduating at the top of his class. In 1948, Mr. Colbert was hired as a design engineer at Hughes Aircraft Company where he remained for 40 years. The highlight of his career was his participation in the Lunar Surveyor Program. The Surveyor probes were the first U.S. spacecraft to land safely on the moon.

The Colberts and their growing family resided in Glendale, Lakewood, and Inglewood, before finally settling in Torrance.

As the children grew up, the family enjoyed many trips to Crestline. He put his exceptional creative skills to work building a cabin in their favorite vacation spot.

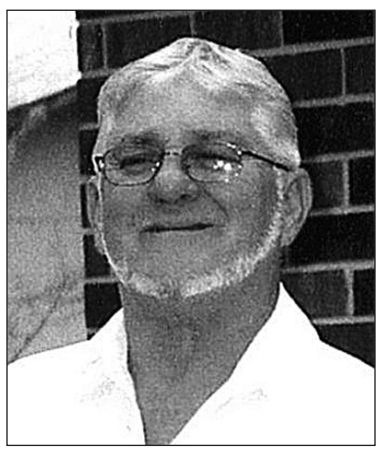
His responsibilities as an aerospace engineer involved work away from home with many trips to the east coast as well as overseas. In 1982, he agreed to a three-year assignment in Knebworth, England. He and his wife, Barbara thoroughly enjoyed their time in England and made many new friends.

When Mr. Colbert retired, they continued to travel, volunteered for their church, and spent time with their children and grandchildren. They took their grandchildren on many educational trips in the U.S. and Europe. Mr. Colbert, multitalented, kept very busy with a myriad of construction projects ranging from house additions, to refurbishing sports cars to designing and building the church's columbarium.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara; a daughter Debby Dorsey (John), daughter Tish Mitchell (Brian), son Ralph, Jr. (Brenda); and grandchildren Kristen, Flynn, Vince, Stephanie, Logan, and Tim.

We are grateful to his loving caregivers, Marie, Jhoanne, Mattie and Judith. We are also grateful to Cherish Hospice, Liz, Cynlie, Hamilton and Lisette.

Jackie L. Dobbins



Jackie L. Dobbins, 64, died June 10, 2011 at Kemp, Okla. Services were June 14, at Kemp Baptist Church with Roger Speers officiating. Interment followed at Kemp Cemetery.

He was born Sept. 24, 1946 at McKinney, Texas.

He drove a van for Big 5, loved to go to horse sales and enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Clifford Dobbins; his mother, Nina Dobbins; and a brother, Bobby Dobbins.

He is survived by a special sister-in-law, Mary Dobbins, of Achille, Okla.; sisters, Doris Sutterfield and Della Stanglin, both of Hendrix, Okla.; a brother, Douglas Dobbins, of Kemp; special nieces, Pane Grider, of Achille, and Mikayla "Baby Girl", of Hendrix; a special nephew, Jay Dobbins, of Achille; and numerous nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Pallbearers were Gary Stanglin, Dean Stanglin, Dusty Stanglin, Dakota Stanglin, Cecil Peebles and Barry Burgess.

Family and friends may send online condolences and view tributes at www.coffeymurray.com

Jory Bond Easterling

Jory Bond Easterling, 30, of Pontotoc, Okla., died June 17, 2011 at Ft. Worth, Texas as the result of a motorcycle accident. Services were June 20, 2011 at the First Baptist Church of Tishomingo with Rev. David Boggs officiating. Interment followed at the Connerville Cemetery in Connerville, Okla.

He was born December 5, 1980 at Ada, Okla., to Eddie Bond Easterling and Tricia Hinds Easterling.

He graduated from Tishomingo High School in 1999 and was a lifelong resident of this area.

Mr. Easterling had worked for the Michelin Tire Plant in Ardmore, Okla., before becoming a District Manager in the Ft. Worth, Texas division, for Nitro-Life, an oilfield company, headquartered in Tishomingo.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, skiing, spending time with his family and riding his bike.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Coy Easterling and other relatives.

He is survived by his children, Blake and Baylee Easterling; their mother, Krissy; his father, Eddie Easterling, of Pontotoc; his mother, Tricia McCreary and her husband, Jeff, of Milburn, Okla.; three brothers, Rowdy Elliott, of Denton, Texas, Jared Easterling, of Oklahoma City and Cedar Easterling, of Ada; a sister, Erin Brown, of Durant, Okla.; grandparents, Dawatha Easterling, of Connerville and Fannie Rodgers, of Milburn, Okla.; numerous other relatives and a host of friends.

Pallbearers were Bryant Upton, Jonathan Northcutt, Bobby Wolff, Dakota Cole, Nevada Cole and Michael Smola. Honorary Bearers will be: Elvis & Mike Belcher and Landon Wood.

Memorials may be made in Jory Easterling's name to the Connerville Cemetery Association.

Online condolences may be sent to clarkfuneralservice.net

Alex Neal Johnson

Alex Neal Johnson, 49, of Davis, Okla.,died June 2, 2011 at his residence. Services were June 6, 2011 at Smith-Phillips Funeral Home, Ada, Okla., with Rev. Larry Hawkins officiating. Interment followed at Allen Cemetery, Allen, Okla.

He was born Sept. 22, 1961 at Arkansas City, Kan., to Alonzo Johnson and Rose Buzzard Johnson.

Mr. Johnson worked in the construction industry for many years and worked for the Chickasaw Nation at the Chickasaw Farms in Davis. He was a member of Blue Baptist Church, Connerville, Okla.

He loved hunting, fishing, camping, grilling and watching OU football.

He was preceded in death by his father, Alonzo Johnson.

He is survived by his mother, Rose Johnson, of Arkansas City; a brother, Bob Johnson, of Sacremento, Calif.; a sister, Marceline Johnson, of Arkansas City; a daughter, Opal Oranchek, of Newkirk, Okla.; two grandchildren, Kacy and Emma Oranchek; and companion, Veronica Simon.

Pallbearers were Jackson Buzzard, Johnson Buzzard, Dale Johnson, Jay Johnson, Bruce Williams and Jimmy Coody.

Mable Geraldine "Gerry" Rosson

Mable Geraldine "Gerry" Rosson, 80, died March 20, 2011. She was born in 1930 at Oklahoma.

She was a member of the Chickasaw Nation and a lifetime resident of Sahuarita, Ariz.

She worked at the Cow Palace at Amado, Ariz., and the VFW at Green Valley, Ariz.

She is survived by a brother, Donnie Burk; a son, James W. Rosson, Jr.; daughters, Sharon Eye and donnalea Troutwine; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She will be greatly missed.

Perrylene Grimes Parnacher

Perrylene Grimes Parnacher, 68, died May 12, 2011. She was born Sept. 1, 1942.

She had a spiritual calling on her life to win souls to Jesus for His Kingdom and to pray for one another. She was an ordained minister/prophetess who flowed in the gift to speak forth the word. She learned and taught as a child and followed in her father's footsteps as a 30-year member of Abundant Life Church.

She graduated from Istrouma High School May 27, 1960 and was also a four-year graduate of Mississippi.

She was well-known as a respiratory therapist at LSU Earl K. Long Medical Center for 30 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dewell Lee Grimes and Nell Perry Grimes; and a son, Calvin Edward Parnacher, Jr.

She is survived by a daughter, Nerissa Lynn Parnacher Stanley, of Central; a son, Stacy "Dino" Parnacher, of Greensboro, N.C.; an uncle, Vernon Grimes, of Phoenix; and cousins, Jannice Shadburn, of Corinth, Miss., and Robert, Kirk and Charles Perry, all of Ada, Okla.

She fought a good fight and ran her race. She now lies in the arms of Jesus and waits to hear the Lord say, "Well done thy good and faithful servant."

Pallbearers were Dino Parnacher, Billy Burt, Eric Lane, Casey Childs, Robert Perry and Greg Simon.

She was proud to have received her CDIB card in 2010.

Larry G. Waldon

Larry G. Waldon, 76, died Feb. 2, 2011. Services were May 17 at Greenwood Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. M. Gayland Pool officiating. Entombment took place at Greenwood Mausoleum.

Mr. Waldon was born July 22, 1934, in Tuttle, Okla.

He served in the U.S. Army as a radio operator in Korea from December 10, 1956 to November 26, 1958. He moved from Tuttle to the Fort Worth area, where he lived since 1942 and graduated from Arlington Heights High School. He retired from Motheral Printing Co.

Mr. Waldon was a member of Christ the King Episcopal Church.

He was proud of his Chickasaw Indian heritage. He was Big Chief, going back on visits to Tuttle, attending Indian powwows and family reunions with family and friends. He had a wonderful sense of humor, and his kindness and generosity could not be matched.

He loved the Morning Star, the Evening Star, beautiful sunsets, the rainbow and Mother Earth.

"We have this moment, sparkling like a star in our hand… and melting like a snowflake. Let us use it before it is too late.

In one of the stars living I shall be living

In one of them I shall be laughing

And so I will be as if all the stars were laughing when you look at the night sky!"

He loved his guns, going hunting and his birds, squirrels and two cats, Tao Purr Song and Jazz. When Mr. Waldon asked for directions, he always answered back saying, "Thank you, kindly."

He was preceded in death by his father, Emmett Waldon; and mother, Pauline Brown Waldon.

He is survived by the love of his life, soulmate and best friend, Sherry Waldon; daughter Karen; mother-in-law, Emory Idell Stagg; aunt, Fern Bronaugh; cousins, Ken and Evelyn Waldon, Hosea and Ruth Waldon and Barbara Waldon Elchorn; and many friends.

Note of Thanks: Father Jon Jenkins and Sister Mary Magdalen, thank you for your home and hospital visits, communion, prayers, and support.

Roxie Darlene Wingo

Roxie Darlene Wingo, 71, of Ada, Okla., died June 18, 2011 at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, Ada. Services were June 22, at Smith-Phillips Funeral Home, Ada.

She was born June 21, 1939 at Wynnewood, Okla., to John Wesley Tuley and Eula Seawright Tuley.

Ms. Wingo graduated from Woodland High School in 1957. She moved to Ada from Okmulgee in 1965, where she had resided ever since. She was employed at Valley View Regional Hospital in Ada for thirty-five years retiring as an L.P.N. She was affiliated with the First United Methodist Church of Ada and had also been affiliated with the First United Methodist Church of Davis, Okla.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Eula Seawright; and three brothers, Tommy Ray Tuley, Everett John Tuley, and Arnold John Tuley.

She is survived by a daughter, Elizabeth Johniece Wilburn and husband Steve, of Fithzhugh, Okla.; two sons, Scott Glenn Wingo and wife, Pam, of Elmore City, Okla., and Michael Lee Wingo, of Ada; two sisters, Almeta Jewell Ray, of Bend, Ore., and Barbara Sue Stokley, of Morris, Okla.; grandchildren, Jeremy Wingo, of Waynoka, Okla., Caleb Wingo, of Oklahoma City, Jared Wingo, of Norman, Okla., Daniel Wilburn, of Fitzhugh, Cooper Wingo, of Ada, Stephanie Wilburn, of Oklahoma City, and Kelsey Wingo, of Ada; great-granddaughter, Jada Retka, of Waynoka; and loving friend, Jack Berger.

Pallbearers were Wilson Seawright, Jay Tuley, Ron Stokley, Jeremy Wingo, Jared Wingo, Daniel Wilburn, and Cooper Wingo, Mark Welch, and Lawrence Archer.

Family requests donations may be made to the Susan G. Komen 3day for the Cureat the following websites: www.the-3day.org/goto/mikepinkshoes

www.the3day.org/goto/pinkshoesindc <http://www.the-3day.org/goto/pinkshoesindc>

Those wishing to donate by check can print out a donation form at those web addresses.

Edward Delon Wolfe

Edward Delon Wolfe, 51, of Ardmore, Okla., died June 11, 2011 at his. Graveside services were June 14, at Fairview Cemetery with Rev. Clint Harrison officiating.

He was born May 1, 1960 at Oklahoma City to Edward E. and Geneva Waters Wolfe.

He was a master upholsterer for many years and was loved by his family.

He was preceded in death by his father; and a daughter, Nikki Wilmot.

He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Brad and Jennifer Wolfe, of Gainesville, Okla.; daughter and son-in-law, Kristi Wolfe-Perez ;and Tony Perez, of Lubbock, Texas; mother, Geneva Wolfe-Collins, of Ardmore; a sister Dolores McGuire, of Ardmore; grandchildren, Brianna and Alexis Wolfe, of Gainesville, Mikayla, McKenzie and Caleb Wilmot, of Tulsa; a nephew, John Ashford, of Ardmore.

The online registry may be signed at www.geojcarroll.com

Note of Thanks

From the family of Jory Easterling:

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to our friends and loved ones for their many acts of kindness, words of comfort, and messages of sympathy during the loss of our beloved daddy and special friend, Jory Easterling.

A special thank you to Clark Funeral Home, First Baptist Church of Tishomingo and Pastor David Boggs for the patients and loving words expressed during our difficult time.

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:37-39

Krissy, Blake and Baylee Easterling

Note of Thanks

The family of Jory Bond Easterling would like to express our appreciation and thank all our friends for their prayers, visits, calls, cards, food, flowers and donations in Jory's memory.

A special Thank You goes out to the Chickasaw Nation employees who have given our family their love and support through this difficult time.

We also appreciate Clark Funeral Home staff, the Johnston County District 1 workers and Pastor David Boggs for their part in the service.

And, Bless You Gary Pratt for your special songs.

God Bless Everyone,

Eddie Easterling and Family

LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
Chickasaw Nation Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
May 20, 2011

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson David Woerz called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Victor Smith, Paulette Greenwood, Stephanie DelFrate, Terry DelFrate, Levi Hinson, T.J. Clark, Jesse Clark, Chelsea Wedlow, Cade Smith, Colton Wilson, Ke-Ke- Factor, Nyah Stephens, Jordon Stick, Jonathon DelFrate, Zoe Allen, Chris Anglin, Katie Walker, Isabella McKinley, Crystal Allen, T. Clark Sr., Tracy Stephens, Clovis Hamilton, Summer Stick, Dana Lance, Jeff O'Dell, Rachel Wedlow, Gwen Burris, Michael L. Wingo, Mike Watson

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 **READING OF MINUTES** - April 15, 2011

Amendments were made to the minutes.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to approve the minutes as amended.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

13 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of April 15, 2011, as amended, carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 28-024, Authorization to Provide Pharmaceutical Services to Non-Indian Spouses of Chickasaws and Other Federally Recognized Indian Tribes

This resolution authorizes the Chickasaw Nation, through its Medical Solutions Department, to provide pharmaceutical services to the non-Indian spouses of Chickasaws and other federally recognized Indian tribes. The Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce will begin providing pharmaceutical services through its Medical Solutions Department upon negotiations and approval of an amendment to the Indian Health Services Annual Funding Agreement.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR28-024

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR28-024 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 28-026, Resolution in Support of the City of Sulphur's Bureau of Reclamation Grant Proposal

This resolution confirms the Chickasaw Nation's support of the City of Sulphur's grant proposal to the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, whereby the City of Sulphur is seeking funding to conduct an appraisal and feasibility study for the construction of a pipeline from the Lake of the Arbuckles to the City of Sulphur. Sulphur is working to shift its municipal water supply from groundwater wells to surface water. This will greatly reduce the City of Sulphur's impact on the springs in the Chickasaw Nation Recreation Area.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR28-026

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR28-026 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 28-029, Citation in Recognition of Lt. Governor Jefferson E. Keel

This resolution is a Citation in Recognition of Lt. Governor Jefferson E. Keel in recognition of his many years of successful and selfless public service to his tribe, State, country and mankind. This resolution is needed prior to induction into the Military Museum of Ardmore, Oklahoma, Hall of Honor ceremonies on June 13, 2011.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Case to approve GR28-029.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR28-029 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 28-027, Application for Grants under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Circles of Care V: Infrastructure Development for Children's Mental Health Systems in American Indian Communities

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for federal funding to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Circles of Care V: Infrastructure Development for Children's Mental Health Systems in American Indian Communities. Funds from this grant will further develop and enhance the Chickasaw Nation Chokka-chaffa' Kilimpi program and reduce the gap between the need for mental health services and the availability and coordination of mental health services in American Indian communities for children, youth and young adults from birth through age 25, and their families, in the Chickasaw Nation. The proposed project supports the mission of the Chickasaw Nation to increase services that enhance the overall quality of life of Chickasaw citizens and will assist the Nation in meeting a priority of its strategic plan of improved mental health services focused on a holistic family-centered model of care. The grant proposal is not to exceed $311,140 per year for up to three (3) years.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR28-027

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR28-027 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 28-028, Assurances for the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Southern Plains Office of Native American Programs

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for Indian Community Development Block Grant for a community facility funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, for the establishment of a community facility in which family members of Chickasaw Nation Medical Center patients may stay overnight at reduced or no cost, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma.

General Resolution Number 26-050 was approved to apply for funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: however, funding was not awarded. Therefore, the Chickasaw Nation desires to apply for funding for the same purposes through an Indian Community Development Block Grant.

A motion was made by Ms. Barker and seconded by Ms. Case to approve GR28-028

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR28-028 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Mr. Mike Watson made comments regarding the election process.

Announcements were made.

AGENDA ITEM #8 **ADJOURNMENT**

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dean McManus, Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

Prepared by:
Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

JUNE 2011 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number 28-030
Utility Easement in Johnston County

Explanation: This resolution authorizes and approves a utility easement granted to Southeastern Electric Cooperative to construct, operate and maintain an electric transmission and/or distribution line or system on or under the above-described lands and/or in, upon or under all streets, roads or highways abutting said lands; to inspect and make such repairs, changes, alterations, improvements, removals from, substitutions and additions to its facilities as the Cooperative may from time to time deem advisable, including, by way of example and not by way of limitation, the right to increase or decrease the number of conduits, wires, cables, hand holes, manholes, connection boxes, transformers and transformer enclosures; to cut, trim, and control the growth by pesticide/herbicide application, machinery or otherwise of trees and shrubbery located within and up to 15 feet on each or both sides of the center line as may be required of said line or system, or that may interfere with or threaten to endanger the operation and maintenance of said line or system (including any control of the growth of other vegetation in the right-of-way which may incidentally and necessarily result from the means of control employed); to keep the easement clear of all buildings, structures or other obstructions; and to license, permit or otherwise agree to the joint use of occupancy of the lines, system or, if any said system is placed underground, of the trench and related underground facilities, by any other person, association or corporation

Property Location: Whitehouse Additional Tract, Johnston County, Oklahoma

Use: Easement to Southeastern Electric Cooperative

Presented by: Land Development Committee

GR28-030
Exhibit "A"

A proposed electric line easement across a part of Lots 1 and 2 in Block 7 and part of vacated Johnson Avenue and part of vacated alley West of Block 7 of the Townsite of Emet, and part of the SW/4 NW/4 SW/4 of Section 14, Township 4 South, Range 7 East, Johnston County, Oklahoma, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Lot 1, Block 7; thence S 00°17'42" W along the East line of said Lot 1 a distance of 102.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence S 85°08'44" E a distance of 30.10 feet; thence S 00°17'42" W a distance of 30.10 feet; thence N 85°08'44" W a distance of 198.94 feet; thence S 70°06'16" W a distance of 107.86 feet; thence N 78°31'24" W a distance of 9.60 feet; thence N 11°28'36" E a distance of 7.50 feet; thence S 78°31'24" E a distance of 7.50 feet; thence N 11°28'36" E a distance of 8.78 feet; thence N 70°06'16" E a distance of 87.69 feet; thence N 04°51'16" E a distance of 22.03 feet; S 85°08'44" E a distance of 184.98 feet to the point of beginning.

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

General Resolution Number 28-031
Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, described as follows:

A part of Lot 32, Sunnyside Acres Subdivision, being a subdivision of Blocks 13, 14, 15 and 16 of Arlington Addition to the City of Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of Lot 32 of Sunnyside Acres subdivision; thence West along the South Boundary line of said Lot 32 a distance of 50 feet for a point of beginning; thence North and parallel with the East boundary of said Lot a distance of 140 feet; thence West and parallel with the South boundary of said Lot a distance of 50 feet; thence South and parallel with the West boundary of said Lot a distance of 140 feet to the South boundary of said Lot; thence East along the South boundary of said Lot a distance of 50 feet to the point of beginning. Together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Property Location: 714 East Orchard Street, Ada, Oklahoma

Use: To be utilized as additional space for the Chickasaw Nation Communications property.

Presented By: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

No votes: Beth Alexander

General Resolution Number 28-032
Authorization for Acceptance of Real Property in Johnston County

Explanation: This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to accept, as a gift, real property in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma described as follows:

The East Two Feet of the West Seventy-four Feet of Lot 1, Block 100, in the Town of Tishomingo, Oklahoma, according to the official map and plat thereof.

Property Location: Lot One, Block 100, Tishomingo, Oklahoma

Use: Addition to Capitol

Purpose: Self-Governance

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

General Resolution Number 28-033
Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

Explanation: This resolution authorizes the Chickasaw Nation to acquire real property in Fittstown, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, described as follows:

"The W/2 SW/ 4 of Section 17, Township 1 North, Range 7 East, of the I.B.M., Pontotoc County, Oklahoma."

and

"The SE/4 NE/4 SW/4 and the W/2 NE/4 SW/4 and the SE/4 SW/4 and all Lots 3 and 4, and the E/2 SE/4 and the S/2 NE/4 NW/4 SE/4 and the SE/4 NW/4 SE/4 and the SW/4 SE/4 and the S/2 SW/4 NW/4 SE/4 of Section 18, Township 1 North, Range 7 East of the I.B.M., Pontotoc County, Oklahoma."

together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Property Location: County Road 3590, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma

Use: To be utilized as additional tribal land.

Presented By: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

General Resolution Number 28-034
Approval of Development Budget Amendment
Burney Institute Restoration-Phase I

Explanation: This resolution approves an amendment to the Development Budget for the Burney Institute Restoration-Phase I, Project Number 20-

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2010-2011 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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0103-10 in the amount of $1,808,704.00, as more particularly described in Exhibit A.

Burney Institute is located approximately one and one-half miles east of Lebanon, Oklahoma near State Highway 32 in Marshall County and was named for a Chickasaw family who settled nearby. The historic property contains the two-story brick school, plus the first floor of the three-floor school dormitory. The dormitory has been converted into a living quarters, but the school building is much as it was at the end of the 19th Century. Restoration of the buildings is planned.

Initiated by the Chickasaw Council in 1854, it was completed and opened in 1860. Originally a school for Chickasaw girls and classic education, in 1872 the school also accepted Chickasaw boys for education.

A frame construction dormitory was added to the south of the school. It consisted of 18 rooms, each with a central fireplace. The kitchen and dining areas were on the first floor, where the girls also lived. On the second floor were the teachers, and the boys lived on the third floor and in the attic.

The school was closed during the Civil War and was reopened in 1887 as the Chickasaw Orphans Home and Manual Labor School. The facility was home to 60 orphans. In 1895, the original school building burned and was replaced by the current brick structure. The school continued in operation until about 1910 and was sold at public auction in 1914.

Presented by: Finance Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

No votes: Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole Meeting
June 13, 2011

Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Finance Committee
June 6, 2011

Present: Scott Colbert, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Absent: Toby Perkins

Health Committee
June 6, 2011

Present: Connie Barker, Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, David Woerz

Land Development Committee
June 6, 2011

Present: Linda Briggs, Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods, David Woerz

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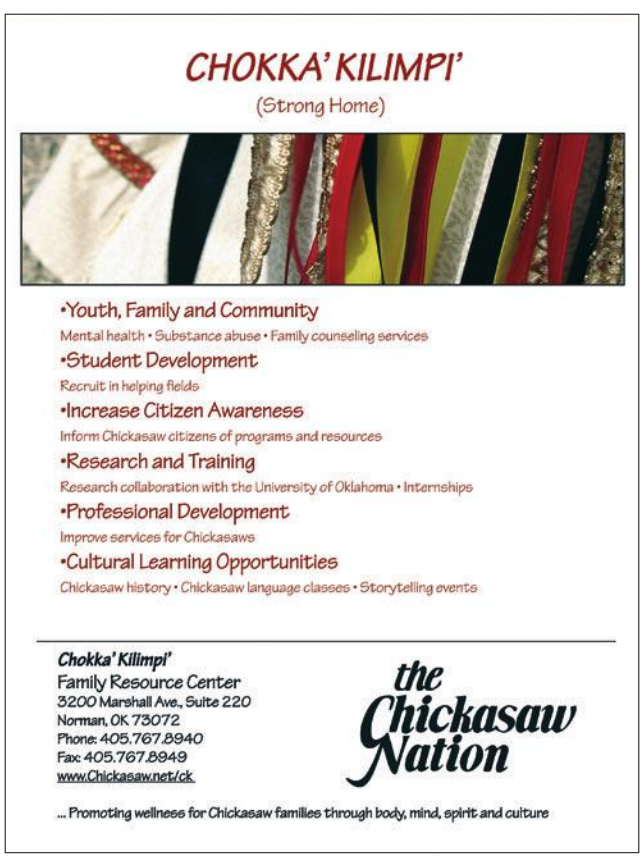
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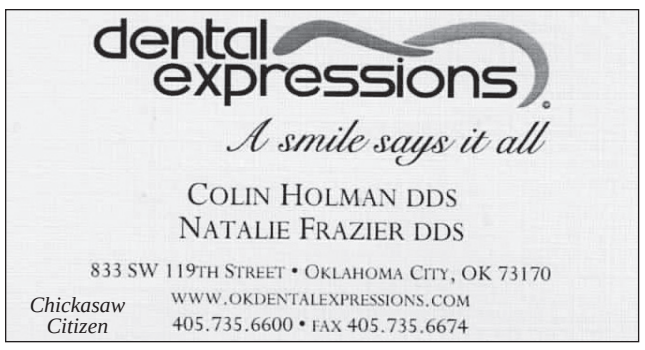

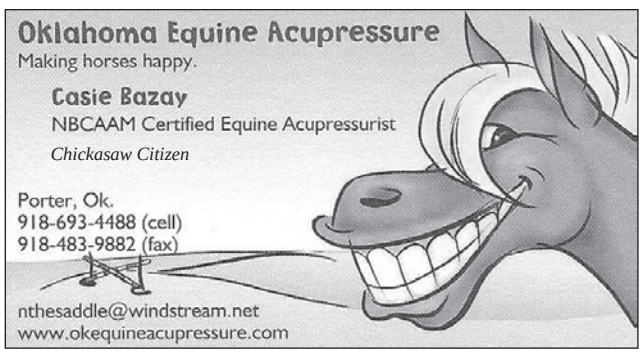

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